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FOREWORD

In a historical moment of Fare- well Hajj, our beloved Prophet Muhammed (Peace be upon him) has declared unambiguously saying, " I have left amongst you ' the Quran' and 'Hadith'. One who holds both of them strongly will never get swerve from the righteous path".¹ Therefore, from the perspective of belief, both; the Quran and Hadith are important for us as they play a significant role in keeping us on the straight path.

Eyeing on this importance of Hadith, I intend to show a beautiful glimpse of sayings of the Prophet Muhammed(Peace be upon him), placing them under different headings. As in my other books in this series, I have chosen a few sayings under each topic, avoiding unnecessary and prolonged discussions.

During my study for this collection, I have read a very glaring Hadith that inspires the reader to pay a

1. Subulul Huda: Shaikh Muhammed bin Yusuf Shami,
Vol: 8, Page: 644, Date: 1972, Edition: No,
Press & Pub: Al Ihram al Tijaria , Cairo.

special attention to the Sayings of the Prophet (Peace be upon him) as he said: " One who memorizes forty Hadiths related to the matter of religion and teaches my nation, Allah, The Exalted, will raise him up as a religious Jurisprudent as well as I will witness and intercede for him on the Day of Judgement".²

Although a word " memorize" has been used in the above Hadith, Allama Shaikh Abdul Haq, a great scholar in the field of Hadith, went on during the explanation of it to include, also, one who reads and teaches forty Hadiths without memorizing them.³

Therefore, we are supposed to read this collection and pass it to someone else with the intention to be counted among those fortunate Muslims.

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May Allah, The Exalted, accept this work and make it a mean of approach for me to be able to have the intercession of the Prophet (Peace be upon him) on the Day of Judgement.

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2 &3. Asheatul Lamaat: Shikh Abdul Haq Muhaddis,
Vol: 1, Page: 517, Edition: No, Date: 1988,
Press: M.S.Printers, Pub: Etiqad Publishing House.

INTRODUCTION

My father His Eminence Allama Arshadul Quadri (May Allah be pleased with him) had written a very authentic and scholarly foreword for " Anwarul Hadith" written by my teacher Shaikh Allama Jalaluddin Ahmed Amjadi (May Allah be pleased with him). Since, he is no longer amongst us, to get his blessings for this collection, I am placing a summary of it, that will provide enough information regarding Hadith and its history.

WHAT IS HADITH:

According to the majority of Muslim scholars, Hadith is being defined as follows:

" Hadith is being described as the word, work and recognition of the Prophet Muhammed (Peace be upon him)". 1

As well as the word " Hadith" is also used to determine the word, work, and recognition of the Companions of the Prophet.

1. Foreword Anwarul Hadith, Page: 58, Edition: No, Date: No, Press: No, Pub: Kutub khana Amjadia.

Also, "Hadith" is called for the word, work, and recognition of the companions of the companions of the Prophet.

Therefore, basically, Hadith is of three kinds: one that ends up to the Prophet Muhammed (Peace be upon him) is called " Hadith Marfoo" , one that ends to any Companion of the Prophet is called " Hadith Mauqoof" and one that ends up to the companion of the companion of the Prophet is named with " Hadith Maqtoo". 1

STATUS OF HADITH WITH RELIGIOUS PERSPECTIVE:

There is no doubt that the first base of Islamic theology is the Holy Quran as it is the Book of Allah, the Almighty. According to the Quran, following the instructions of the Prophet (Peace and Blessings be upon him) is mandatory for Muslims as without it, explanation of Divine rules and the exact meaning of the Quran are not possible. Therefore, Hadith has become one of the bases of Islamic theology as it is the only source to know the orders of the Prophet (Peace be upon him), his work, and understand the explanation of the Quran.

Now, let us read some of those verses of the Quran, in which, Allah, the Exalted, directed us to

follow the beloved Prophet (Peace be upon him).

﴿ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَلَا تَوَلَّوْا

عَنْهُ وَأَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ﴾ 1

(O' believers, obey Allah and His Prophet and do not turn back from him after hearing him)

﴿ فَلَا وَرَبِّكَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ حَتَّىٰ يُحَكِّمُوكَ فِيمَا شَجَرَ بَيْنَهُمْ ----- ﴾ 2

(Then O' beloved! By your Lord, they shall not be Muslims until they make you judge in all disputes among themselves,....)

﴿ مَنْ يُطِيعِ الرَّسُولَ فَقَدْ أَطَاعَ اللَّهَ ط ﴾ 3

(Whoso obeys the Messenger, has indeed obeyed Allah,)

Through a quick look at the above mentioned verses of the Holy Quran, it has become very clear that Muslims must follow their Prophet (Peace be upon him). Therefore, every single instruction of the Prophet (Peace be upon him) is as important as the order of the Quran. It is, because following the instructions of the Prophet is, in turn, following the order of Allah, the Exalted.

A BASIC QUESTION:

After realizing the importance of the Hadith,

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1. The Holy Quran, Chapter: 8, Verse: 20.
 2. The Holy Quran, Chapter: 4, Verse: 65.
 3. The Holy Quran, Chapter: 4, Verse: 80.

there is one question that may be aroused i.e., is the order to obey the Prophet (Peace be upon him) limited up to his physical life or does its application go on in effect till the Day of Judgement? If the first option is correct then, it leads us to say that the period of practicing Islam no longer exists. It is, because, the order of obeying the Prophet Muhammed (Peace be upon him) was introduced only to understand the Quran and Islam and act according to them. Now, in fact, the Islam and the Quran, are to be practiced till the Last Day. So, the order of obeying the Prophet (Peace be upon him) should be necessarily in effect till the Last Day.



A STRONG EVIDENCE

FOR

THE AUTHENTICITY OF HADITH:

We agreed that following the Quran and Islam is not possible in absence of the obeying the Prophet (Peace be upon him). And it is a commonly accepted fact that there must be some instructions of him to be followed by. So, where are those instructions? Without any mere doubt, those are compiled and named "Hadiths". Thus, "Hadiths" are very important in getting on the righteous path. Only those who do not have belief in the Islamic concept of "following the Prophet Muhammed (Peace be upon him)" can deny the necessity of the Hadith.

HADITH DURING THE PERIOD OF COMPANIONS:

Companions of the Prophet (Peace be upon him) were very curious in listening to the Hadith from the Prophet(Peace be upon him) directly. However, when some of them were busy in other work and could not manage to listen from him, they used to ask those who listened. As, Shaikh Barra bin Azib (May Allah be pleased with him) said: " We could not listen all the Sayings of the Prophet(Peace be upon him). It is, because, we were made responsible for taking care of animals. Companions used to listen to Hadiths and if they missed some of them they rushed to get it from those who had them amongst their friends and from those who had a good memory". 1

This eagerness of getting in touch with the Hadiths was very common among the companions and companions of the companions later on.

During the process of passing the Hadiths from one to another, everyone had his own way of investigation about the confirmation of Hadiths. As reported that Hadhrat Ali (May Allah be pleased with him) used to ask the person whom he was to get any Hadith to swear. 2

After quoting the above information, Shaikh Hafiz Nishapuri went on saying that: " And like wise,

1. Foreword Anwarul Hadith, Page: 68.

2. Same Reference, Page: 75.

companions of the companions and religious scholars used to investigate about the authenticity of Hadiths". 1

COMPILATION OF HADITHS:

During the revelation of the Holy Quran, our beloved Prophet Muhammed (Peace be upon him) instructed his companions to write down the Quran only and avoid writing of Hadiths in order to save the Quran from creeping any mere doubt about its fairness. However, passing the Hadith was permissible as the Prophet (Peace be upon him) said: " Do not write down my sayings and one who has written except the Quran should erase them. And it is allowed to pass my sayings verbally.". 2

In addition, those companions who were mature enough to keep the Quran and the Hadiths separately, used to write Hadiths as Abu Huraira (May Allah be pleased with him) said: " No one amongst the companions more talkative of Hadiths than me except Shaikh Abdullah bin Umar (May Allah be pleased with them), because he used to write, while I did not write". 3

However, after the compilation of the Quran in between the reign of Shaikh Abu bakr and Shaikh Usman (May Allah be pleased with them), there was

1. Anwarul Hadith, Page: 75.

2. Same Reference, Page: 78.

3. Same Reference, Page: 78.

no room left for the doubt of mixing up of the Quran with Hadith. Therefore, Shaikh Umar bin Abdul Aziz (May Allah be pleased with him), in his reign, realized the necessity of compilation of Hadiths and issued an order in this connection.

With this special attention of Shaikh Umar bin Abdul Aziz (May Allah be pleased with him) towards Hadiths, the first collection of Hadiths was made by Shaikh Ibn-e- Hazm (May Allah be pleased with him). Later on, a series of such collections were brought forward in different parts of the Muslim world.



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CHAPTER 1

CREATOR OF THE WORLDS

Verily, Almighty Allah is the creator of the whole world. Amongst all His creatures, human beings are the most dignified and respected. Because of His special blessings on us, we are supposed to glorify Him as much as we can. The Prophet Muhammed (Peace and Blessings be upon him) has described its importance and benefits many times.

REMEMBRANCE OF ALLAH, the Exalted:

As a Muslim we have to remember Allah, the Almighty every moment of our daily business. The Prophet Muhammed (Peace and Blessings be upon him) used to do so.

﴿ كَانَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ يَذْكُرُ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى عَلَى كُلِّ أَحْيَانِهِ ﴾ 1

1. Bukhari: Imam Muhammed bin Ismail Bukhari, Vol: 1, Page:199, Date:No, Edition: 1, Press: Classical Printers, Pub: Farid Bookstall, Delhi.

(The Prophet of Allah {Peace and Blessings be upon him} used to remember Allah, the Exalted, at all times.)

And its bonus blessings of Allah, the Exalted are that He remembers us whenever we remember Him.

﴿ إِنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ﷺ قَالَ : يَقُولُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى أَنَا عِنْدَ ظَنِّ عَبْدِي بِي ، وَأَنَامَعَهُ إِذَا ذَكَرَنِي فَإِنْ ذَكَرَنِي فِي نَفْسِهِ ذَكَرْتُهُ فِي نَفْسِي وَإِنْ ذَكَرَنِي فِي مَلَأْ ذَكَرْتُهُ فِي مَلَأْ خَيْرٍ مِنْهُمْ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet of Allah {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said that Allah, the Exalted said: I am close to my servant as he thinks of Me. I am with him when he remembers Me, so if he remembers Me secretly, I remember him secretly and if he remembers Me in public, I remember him in a gathering better than them.)

In another saying, The Prophet (Peace and Blessings be upon him) regarded one who does not remember Allah, as dead.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَثَلُ الَّذِي يَذْكُرُ رَبَّهُ وَالَّذِي لَا يَذْكُرُهُ مَثَلُ الْحَيِّ وَالْمَيِّتِ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: The parable of one who remembers his Lord and of one, who does not remember Him, is like

1 Bukhari: Imam Muhammed bin Ismael, Vol: 3, Page: 842, No: 2258.

2. Same Reference, Vol: 3, Page: 480, No: 1329.

that of the living and the dead.)

Indicating towards the root cause of the problems of committing sins, the Prophet (Peace and Blessings be upon him) said:

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : إِنَّ فِي الْجَسَدِ مُضْغَةً إِذَا صَلَحَتْ

صَلَحَ الْجَسَدُ كُلُّهُ وَإِذَا فَسَدَتْ فَسَدَ الْجَسَدُ كُلُّهُ أَلَا وَهِيَ الْقَلْبُ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Verily, Inside the body there is a clot, if it is perfect then the whole body acts perfectly and if it gets bad then the whole body acts wrongfully. Pay attention to that, that clot is the heart.)

And the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} himself recommended the way to make the "heart" perfect is through the remembrance of Allah, the Almighty and said;

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : لِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ صَقَالَةٌ وَصَقَالَةُ

الْقُلُوبِ ذِكْرُ اللَّهِ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Every thing has a way to be cleaned and the way to clean hearts is remembrance of Allah.)

Now, it became very clear that if one wants to

1. Bukhari: Imam Muhammed bin Ismael, Vol: 1, Page: 118, No: 50.

2. Asheatul Lam'aat: Shaikh Abdul Haq Muhaddis, Vol: 3, Page: 422,

abstain from wrongdoings and committing sins, should clean his heart through the remembrance and glorifying of Allah, the Almighty.

Along with the above sayings of the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} it also logically makes sense, because, if one remembers Allah all times, then he naturally thinks about Allah and His enormous power of watching his own deeds. So, obviously he would be away from going in the wrong direction.

Because of its impact on our deeds, the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} ranked it on the top of the good deeds, saying:

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : أَلَا أَنْبِئُكُمْ بِخَيْرِ أَعْمَالِكُمْ وَ أَرْكَاهَا عِنْدَ مَلِيكِكُمْ وَ أَرْفَعَهَا فِي دَرَجَاتِكُمْ وَ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ مِنْ إِنْفَاقِ الذَّهَبِ وَ الْوَرَقِ وَ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ مِنْ أَنْ تَلْقَوْا عَدُوَّكُمْ فَتَضْرِبُوا أَعْنَاقَهُمْ وَيَضْرِبُوا أَعْنَاقَكُمْ ، قَالُوا بَلَى ، قَالَ : ذِكْرُ اللَّهِ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Should I not inform you about the best of all your actions, the most pious one before your Lord, the top ranked one for your status, the one that is better than spending gold and silver, the one that is better than facing your enemies then either you kill

1. Tirmizi: Imam Muhammed bin Isa Tirmizi , Vol: 2, Page: 566, No: 1303, Date: 1984, Edition: First, Press: Alemeem Press, Pub: Frid Book Stall Lahore.

them or they kill you, the people asked, Why not, 'O Prophet? He said: The remembrance of Allah.)

LOVE OF ALLAH, the Exalted:

Muslims must have love of Almighty Allah the Exalted, in their hearts, because He is Merciful and Beneficent and wants to shower His blessings on His servants, and loves them, too.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : ثَلَاثٌ مَنْ كُنَّ فِيهِ وَجَدَ حَلَاوَةَ الْإِيمَانِ، أَنْ يَكُونَ اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ أَحَبَّ إِلَيْهِ مِمَّا سِوَاهُمَا ، وَأَنْ يُحِبَّ الْمَرْءَ لَا يُحِبُّهُ إِلَّا لِلَّهِ ، وَأَنْ يَكْرَهُ أَنْ يَعُودَ فِي الْكُفْرِ كَمَا يَكْرَهُ أَنْ يُقَذَّفَ فِي النَّارِ ﴾¹

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Whoever has the three qualities can feel the delight of faith; One who loves Allah and His Messenger more than anything else, loves a person for the sake of Allah and hates to go back to atheism as he hates to be thrown into the fire.)

One who loves the Almighty Allah will be blessed with the shelter of Allah on the Day of Judgement.

Giving this glad tiding, the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said:

1. Bukhari: Imam Muhammed bin Ismael Bukhari, Vol: 1, Page: 104, No: 15.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى يَقُولُ يَوْمَ

الْقِيَامَةِ "أَيْنَ الْمُتَحَابُّونَ بِجَلَالِي؟ الْيَوْمَ أُظِلُّهُمْ فِي ظِلِّي يَوْمَ لَا

ظِلٌّ إِلَّا ظِلِّي" ﴿ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Verily Allah, the Exalted will say on the Day of Judgment: Where are those who love for the sake of me? Today I will grant my shelter when there is no shelter except my shelter.)

FEAR OF ALLAH, the Exalted:

While love of Allah, the Almighty attracts us towards Him, His fearing helps us in getting away from committing sins.

Those who fear from Him will get the unique reward.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: سَبْعَةٌ يُظِلُّهُمُ اللَّهُ! رَجُلٌ ذَكَرَ اللَّهَ

فَفَاضَتْ عَيْنَاهُ ﴿ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Among those seven persons who will be under the shade of Allah, is a person who remembers Allah and his eyes flooded with tears.)

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1. Muslim: Imam Muslim bin Hajjaj, Vol: 7, Page: 135, No: 6425, Edition: 4, Date: Jan, 1997, Press: Roomi Publications Lahore, Pub: Farid Book Stall.
 2. Bukhari: Imam Muhammed bin Ismael Bukhari, Vol: 3, Page: 504, No: 1399.

CHAPTER 2

SUPERIORITY OF THE PROPHET MUHAMMED

(Peace and Blessings be upon him)

Almighty Allah has sent 124,000 (more or less) or 224,000 (more or less) Prophets to this world to show His servants the righteous way of worshipping Him and living manners. And, without any mere doubt, Our Prophet Muhammed (Peace and Blessings be upon him) is the most dignified and respected amongst all of them. In reference to this context, some aspects of his superior personality can be seen in his sayings, very clearly.

FIRST CREATION OF ALLAH:

As we open our eyes, we notice a lot of creations of Allah around us, trying to attract our attention. On looking at them one may ask "which of them was created first?" According to Islamic theology, the answer would be "none of them was

created first". In fact the "light of the Prophet Muhammed(Peace be upon him)" was created first, as he, uncovering this secret, made clear to his beloved companion Shaikh Jabir (May Allah be pleased with him):

﴿.....أَوَّلُ مَا خَلَقَ اللَّهُ نُورَ نَبِيِّكَ يَا جَابِرٌ.....﴾ 1

(...Almighty Allah has created my light first and all creations are derived from my light and myself is from the light of Allah.....)

In fact, with the limited wisdom that we have, it is nearly impossible to understand the reality of "light of Allah". Anyway, it at least indicates the closeness of the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} to Almighty Allah.

As our Prophet {Peace and blessings be upon him} was created first, he was also appointed to be the first Prophet as he said, making it clear:

﴿كُنْتُ نَبِيًّا وَآدَمُ لَمْ يَجِدْ فِي طِينِهِ﴾ 2

(I was the Prophet while the Prophet Adam was passing through his creation stages of water and soil)

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1. Roohul Ma'aani: Shaikh Shahabuddin Syed Muhammed Aalosi, Vol: 17-18, Page: 138, Date: 1999, Press: No, Pub: Daro Ihya-e Turasil Arabi.
 2. Madrijun Nubuwwah: Abdul Haq Shaikh, Vol: 1, Page: 1, Press: Tayasans Printers, Edition: Not, Date: Not, Pub: Maktaba Islamia Lahore.

HAVING LOVE OF THE PROPHET:

As a Muslim, we must love the Prophet Muhammed {Peace and Blessings be upon him}, because it is a basic condition of the Islamic beliefs.

He says describing its importance;

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : لَا يُؤْمِنُ أَحَدُكُمْ حَتَّى أَكُونَ أَحَبَّ

إِلَيْهِ مِنْ وَالِدِهِ وَوَلَدِهِ وَ النَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: None of you have the faith until he/she loves me more than his/her father, his/her children and all mankind.)

RECITATION OF DUROOD:

Along with the love of the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him}, we are supposed to make drood on him to get blessings of Almighty Allah.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَنْ صَلَّى عَلَيْهِ صَلَاةً وَاحِدَةً

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ عَشْرَ صَلَوَاتٍ وَحُطَّتْ عَنْهُ عَشْرُ خَطِيَّاتٍ وَرُفِعَتْ لَهُ

عَشْرُ دَرَجَاتٍ ﴾ 2

1. Bukhari: Imam Muhammed bin Ismael Bukhari, Vol: 1, Page: 104.

2. Nasai: Imam Ahmed bin Shoib, Vol: 1, Page: 398, No: 1299, Date: 1991, Edition: Not, Press: Roomi Publications Lahore, Pub: Farid Book Stall Lahore.

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: One who recites drood on him once, Allah sends down mercies on him ten times, his ten sins would be forgiven and his status raised up ten times.)

And he said also, showing the importance of making drood on him,

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : أَوْلَى النَّاسِ بِي يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

أَكْثَرُهُمْ عَلَى صَلَاةٍ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and blessings be upon him} said: On the Day of Judgement, the nearest person to me amongst you would be one who makes drood on me most.)

And we are supposed to recite drood on him whenever we utter his name or hear somebody saying as he said:

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : الْبَخِيلُ مَنْ ذَكَرْتُ عَنْدهُ فَلَمْ

يُصَلِّ عَلَيَّ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: A miser is one who does not recite drood on me when my name was uttered before him.)

Yes, we are allowed to make drood on him whenever we want except some disliked times, however it is more better to recite drood on him on Fridays as he said;

1. Tirmizi: Imam Muhammed, Vol: 1, Page: 295, No: 468.

2. Same Reference, Vol: 2, Page: 639 No: 1471.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : إِنَّ مِنْ أَفْضَلِ أَيَّامِكُمْ يَوْمَ الْجُمُعَةِ

...فَاكْثِرُوا عَلَيَّ مِنَ الصَّلَاةِ فِيهِ ، فَإِنَّ صَلَاتَكُمْ مَعْرُوضَةٌ عَلَيَّ... ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Friday is the best day in your days, therefore recite drood on me as much as you can. Indeed your drood would be passed by me.)

VISITING HOLY SHRINE:

One is so fortunate to have the opportunity of visiting Medina, where the Holy Shrine of the Prophet Muhammed {Peace and Blessings be upon him} is situated. And , verily visiting the grave of the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} is not only considered a good action, but it is also one of the best ways to get the blessings of Almighty Allah.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَنْ زَارَ قَبْرِي أَوْ زَارَنِي كُنْتُ لَهُ شَفِيعًا. ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: My intercession will be for those who visit my grave.)

Visiting of his grave would also be seen as one who visits him in his real life.

1. Nasai: Imam Ahmed bin Shoib, Vol: 1, Page: 425, No: 1377.

2. Sunan Baihiqi: Imam Abu Bakr Ahmed Al Baihiqui, Vol: 5, Page: 245, Date: No, Edition: No, Press: No, Pub: Idar-e-Talifaat Ashrafia.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَنْ حَجَّ فَرَّارَ قَبْرِى بَعْدَ وَفَاتِى كَانَ

كَمَنْ زَارَنِى فِى حَيَاتِى ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: One who performs Hajj and visits my grave after my death, would be considered as he has seen me in my real life.)

LAST PROPHETHOOD:

Our Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} was created first but was sent very last. No one as a new prophet, will come after him.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : ...أَنَا خَاتَمُ النَّبِيِّينَ لَا نَبِىَّ بَعْدِى -- ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: I am the seal of all the Prophets, no Prophet will come after me.)

FIRST INTERCESSOR:

Our beloved Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} will be the first who will get up from the grave and intercede on the Day of Judgement.

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1. Kanzul Ummal: Imam Shaikh Ali Al Muttaqi, Vol:5, Page: 135, No: 12368, Edition: No, Date: 1989, Press & Pub: Muas sa satur risala, Bairut.
 2. Abu Daud: Imam Salaiman bin Asash , Vol: 3, Page: 288, No: 849, Date:1985, Edition: 1, Press: Hamid & Company Pub: Roomi Publications Lahore.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : أَنَا سَيِّدُ وَلَدِ آدَمَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ ، وَ أَوَّلُ

مَنْ يَنْشَقُّ عَنْهُ الْقَبْرُ ، وَ أَوَّلُ شَافِعٍ وَ أَوَّلُ مُشَفِّعٍ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: I will be the leader of the sons of Adam {Peace and Blessings be upon him} on the Day of Judgement and I will be the first to get up from the grave, I will be the first to intercede and I will be the first whose intercession will be accepted.)

UNIQUE MIRACLES:

Like every Prophet of Allah, Our Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} was also supported by Miracles, rather he was given more than anyone had. As an example, we will see here two of them.

He cut the Moon into two pieces.

﴿ إِنَّ أَهْلَ مَكَّةَ سَأَلُوا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ﷺ أَنْ يُرِيَهُمْ آيَةً فَأَرَاهُمُ

الْقَمَرَ شِقَّتَيْنِ حَتَّى رَأَوْا جِرَاءَ بَيْنَهُمَا ﴾ 2

(People of Mecca asked the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} to show them any miracle, then he made the Moon into two pieces for them until they have seen the Mount Hira in between the two pieces of the Moon)

1. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 6, Page: 680.

2. Bukhari: Imam Muhammed bin Ismael, Vol: 2, Page: 453, No: 1050.

Everything in this world knows the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him}.

﴿ قَالَ عَلِيٌّ : كُنْتُ مَعَ النَّبِيِّ ﷺ بِمَكَّةَ فَخَرَجْنَا فِي بَعْضِ نَوَاحِيهَا فَمَا اسْتَقْبَلَهُ جَبَلٌ وَلَا شَجَرٌ إِلَّا وَهُوَ يَقُولُ : السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ﴾ 1

(Respected Ali {May Allah be pleased be with him} said: We came out of Mecca with the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} and noticed that every single mount or tree that we passed greeted the Prophet with "Peace be upon you O' Prophet.")

The Prophet Muhammed (Peace be upon him) was given unique abilities and enormous power over the world by Allah, the Exalted.

﴿ عَنْ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ قَالَ : جَاءَ أَعْرَابِيٌّ إِلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ ﷺ وَقَالَ : بِمَا أَعْرِفُ أَنَّكَ نَبِيٌّ ؟ قَالَ : إِنْ دَعَوْتُ هَذَا الْعِدْقَ مِنْ هَذِهِ النَّخْلَةِ يَشْهَدُ أَنَّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ! فَدَعَاهُ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ فَجَعَلَ يَنْزِلُ مِنَ النَّخْلَةِ حَتَّى سَقَطَ إِلَى النَّبِيِّ ﷺ ، قَالَ : ارْجِعْ ، فَعَادَ ، فَاسْلَمْ الْأَعْرَابِيُّ ﴾ 2

1. Tirmizi: Imam Muhammed bin Isa, Vol: 2, Page: 674, No: 1560.

2. Mishkaat: Shaikh Waliuddin, Page: 541, Date: No, Edition: No, Press & Pub: Maktaba Ashrafia.

(Narrated by Ibn-e-Abbas that a villager came to the Prophet {Peace be upon him} and asked, how could I know that you were the Prophet? The Prophet replied: " if I will order this branch of the palm-tree to come to me, would you believe in it! Then the Prophet {Peace be upon him} called, so the branch began moving and dropped before him. Then he ordered it to go back and it turned back. On witnessing this Miracle, the villager embraced Islam)



CHAPTER 3

WAYS OF WORSHIP

Verily, we were created to worship Allah, the Almighty, and in the Holy Quran one can see clearly a few mandatory ways of worshipping Him. Touching on those topics our Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} explained and showed us the importance and the necessity of practicing them regularly. In this chapter, we will, if Allah wills, pick up each one of them separately and try to understand the delighted values of them in the shadow of the beautiful sayings of the Holy Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him}, aiming at encouraging ourselves to practice them on a routine basis.

VIRTUES OF AZAAN:

Making Adhan (اَذَان) for the prayer is one of the great actions that lead a Muslim to enjoy the enormous blessings of Allah, the Exalted, on the Day of Judgement.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : الْمُؤَذِّنُونَ أطولُ النَّاسِ

أَعْنَاقًا يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Necks of those fortunate people who make Adhan would be the longest necks amongst all people on the Day of Judgment.)

According to the great Scholars of Islam "long necks" mean that they will be granted high rank and better place as a reward of making Adhan in this world.

SALAT:

Five times prayers are mandatory on each adult Muslim male or female. For the one who makes them regularly, his/her sins will be wiped out.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : أَرَأَيْتُمْ لَوْ أَنَّ نَهْرًا بِبَابِ أَحَدِكُمْ

يَغْسِلُ فِيهِ كُلَّ يَوْمٍ خَمْسًا هَلْ يَبْقَى مِنْ دَرْنِهِ شَيْءٌ ، قَالُوا : لَا يَبْقَى

مِنْ دَرْنِهِ شَيْءٌ ، قَالَ : كَذَلِكَ مَثَلُ الصَّلَوَاتِ الْخَمْسِ ، يَمْحُو اللَّهُ

بِهِنَّ الْخَطَايَا ﴾ 2

Passing the same message to us in a very pleasant and beautiful way of expression, the Prophet Muhammed {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said:

1. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 1, Page: 1096 , No: 756.

2. Bukhari: Imam Muhammed, Vol:1, Page:269, No: 500.

﴿ عَنْ أَبِي ذَرٍّ أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ ﷺ خَرَجَ رَمَنَ الشَّتَاءِ وَ الْوَرَقُ يَتَهَافَتُ ، فَأَخَذَ بِغُصْنَيْنِ مِنْ شَجَرَةٍ فَجَعَلَ ذَلِكَ الْوَرَقُ يَتَهَافَتُ ، فَقَالَ : يَا أَبَا ذَرٍّ ، قُلْتُ : لَبَّيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ، قَالَ : إِنَّ الْعَبْدَ الْمُسْلِمَ لِيُصَلِّيَ الصَّلَاةَ يُرِيدُ بِهَا وَجْهَ اللَّهِ فَتَهَافَتُ ذُنُوبُهُ كَمَا يَتَهَافَتُ هَذَا الْوَرَقُ عَنْ هَذِهِ الشَّجَرَةِ ﴾ 1

(Respected Abu Zar Said that the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} came out in winter season when the leaves of tree have usually fallen down and holding two branches of a tree shook them. Therefore, leaves started falling down and then he called; Abu Zar. He replied; Yes, O Prophet of Allah, then he said explaining the benefit of the prayer; When a Muslim makes his prayer with the intention of pleasing Allah, then his sins go away as the leaves of this tree fall down.)

SALAT WITH JAMA'AT:

Although five times Prayers may be made individually at home, school or where we do our jobs, we should try to make them with Imam (leader of the prayer), because it has more reward

1. Musnad Ahmed: Imam Ahmed bin Hanbal ash Shaibani, Vol: 2, Page: 200, Audit: Ahmed Abdur Rahman al Banna, Edition: No, Date: No, Press & Pub: Dar ush Shahaab, Cairo.

than praying alone.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : صَلَاةُ الْجَمَاعَةِ تَفْضُلُ صَلَاةَ الْفَذِّ

بِسَبْعٍ وَعِشْرِينَ دَرَجَةً ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Collective prayers (Praying with Imam} is twenty seven times more better than prayer alone.)

Along with this remarkable benefit, if one maintains praying "Isha" and "Fajr" Prayers with Imam, it would be considered as he kept on praying the whole night.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَنْ صَلَّى الْعِشَاءَ فِي جَمَاعَةٍ

فَكَأَنَّمَا قَامَ نِصْفَ اللَّيْلِ ، وَمَنْ صَلَّى الصُّبْحَ فِي جَمَاعَةٍ فَكَأَنَّمَا صَلَّى

اللَّيْلَ كُلَّهُ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: One who makes his Isha prayer with jama'at, he would be like praying half night and then if he makes his Fajr prayer with jama'at, also then he would be considered as he kept on praying whole night.)

MASJID:

For making our prayers with jama'at, Masjids are the best places. Usually Masjids are called

1. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 1, Page: 301, No: 614.

2. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 2, Page: 282, No: 1390.

"Houses of Allah". So, it is our collective responsibility to take care of Masjids as we take care of our houses, but more than that.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَنْ بَنَى لِلَّهِ مَسْجِدًا بَنَى اللَّهُ لَهُ

بَيْتًا فِي الْجَنَّةِ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: One who contributes in building a Masjid for the sake of Allah, Allah will make for him a house in paradise.)

Masjid is a place where people gather to make their prayers. This noble cause asks us to keep our Masjid clean and free from any bad odor that makes the people feel uncomfortable.

﴿ إِنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ﷺ نَهَى عَنْ هَاتَيْنِ الشَّجَرَتَيْنِ يَعْنِي

الْبَصَلَ وَالثُّومَ ، وَقَالَ : مَنْ أَكَلَهُمَا فَلَا يَقْرُبَنَّ مَسْجِدَنَا ، وَقَالَ : إِنْ

كُنْتُمْ لَا بُدَّ أَكْلِيَهُمَا فَأَمِيتُوهُمَا طَبْخًا ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Do not eat from these two plants; onion and garlic. And one who has eaten them must not get close to our Masjid. But you may eat them after burning its smell through cooking them.)

Now, on the basis of the above saying, it became very clear that onion or garlic or anything else

1. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 2, Page: 88, No: 1092.

2. Abudaud: Imam Sulaiman, Vol: 3, Page: 156, No: 427.

like them, were only not permissible because of their strong odor, therefore anything that has bad odor like them would be included with them in the order of the Prophet (Peace and Blessings be upon him).

JUMA SALAT:

One of the important congregation prayers is Juma prayer. It is not allowed to be made individually. We have to have some others to make it with them.

Indicating towards its special reward, the Prophet Said:

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَنْ اغْتَسَلَ ثُمَّ أَتَى الْجُمُعَةَ فَصَلَّى مَا قُدِّرَ لَهُ ثُمَّ انْصَتَّ حَتَّى يَفْرُغَ الْإِمَامُ مِنْ خُطْبَتِهِ ثُمَّ يُصَلِّي مَعَهُ غُفِرَ لَهُ مَا بَيْنَهُ وَبَيْنَ الْجُمُعَةِ الْأُخْرَى وَفَضْلُ ثَلَاثَةِ أَيَّامٍ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet{ Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: One who takes a bath and came to make Juma then prays whatever he can and listens to the speech of the Imam quietly with paying full attention to it then make juma with him, his sins that he commits between this and the last Friday including three days more, would be forgiven.)

We are supposed to come to the Masjid for the Juma Prayer early, as to listen the " Speech" of the Imam completely. It will enhance our Islamic knowledge and boost our future fervor of practicing

1. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 2, Page: 632, No: 1883.

Islam in a right direction.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : إِذَا كَانَ يَوْمُ الْجُمُعَةِ وَقَفَتِ الْمَلَائِكَةُ عَلَى بَابِ الْمَسْجِدِ يَكْتُبُونَ الْأَوَّلَ فَالْأَوَّلَ فَإِذَا خَرَجَ الْإِمَامُ طَوَرُوا صُحُفَهُمْ وَيَسْمَعُونَ الذِّكْرَ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet { Peace be upon him said: When Friday comes, Angels stand up on the side of each door of the Masjid and write the names of prayers chronologically..... but when the Imam begins his speech they close their registers and listen to it)

Listening to the Khutba (Speech) is mandatory on Muslims. It is as important that to advice someone else to stop talking with saying a word, is also not permissible.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : إِذَا قُلْتَ لِصَاحِبِكَ " أَنْصِتْ " يَوْمَ الْجُمُعَةِ وَالْإِمَامُ يَخْطُبُ فَقَدْ لَغَوْتَ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet { Peace be upon him} said: If you advice your brother saying " Be quiet " on Friday, while Imam was delivering Khutba, then certainly you would have done a wrong action)

For the same reason, it is not allowed to answer the Azaan and even kiss the thumbs on listening the name of the Prophet (Peace be upon him) during it.

1. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 1, Page: 386, No: 880.

2. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 2, Page: 627, No: 1861.

ROW OF THE PRAYER:

Standing on a straight line with joining shoulder to shoulder, is one of the requirements of the Jam'at that must be maintained.

عَنْ جَابِرٍ قَالَ: خَرَجَ عَلَيْنَا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ فَقَالَ: أَلَا يَصُفُّونَ كَمَا تَصُفُّ الْمَلَائِكَةُ عِنْدَ رَبِّهَا؟ فَقُلْنَا: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ! وَكَيْفَ تَصُفُّ الْمَلَائِكَةُ عِنْدَ رَبِّهَا؟ قَالَ: يُتِمُّونَ الصُّفُوفَ الْأُولَى، وَيَتَرَصُّونَ فِي الصَّفِّ ۝

(Quoted by Shaikh Jabir { May Allah be pleased with him } that the Prophet { Peace be upon him } once came out to us and said: Why do you not make lines as angels do before their Lord? We asked: O' Messenger of Allah! How do they make lines before their Lord? He answered: They complete the front rows first and stand close to each other)

Therefore, Muslims should stand during Jama'at Prayer, making straight lines without giving gaps, in order to eliminate a chance for Shaitan to pass through the gaps. In fact, Shaitan use those gaps between one and another, to divert the attention from Prayer and Allah, the Exalted.

1. Riyazus Saleheen: Shaikh Imam Abu Zakariya Yahya Alnawawi, Vol: 2, Page: 544, No: 1082, Edition: 4, Date: 1997, Press & Pub: Kitab Bhavan, Delhi.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : أَقِيمُوا الصُّفُوفَ ، وَحَازُوا

بَيْنَ الْمَنَاكِبِ ، وَسُدُّوا الْخَلَلَ ، وَلِينُوا بِأَيْدِي إِخْوَانِكُمْ ، وَ لَا تَذَرُوا
فُرُجَاتِ الشَّيْطَانِ ، وَمَنْ وَصَلَ صَفًّا وَصَلَهُ اللَّهُ ، وَمَنْ قَطَعَ صَفًّا

قَطَعَهُ اللَّهُ ﴿ 1

(The Prophet {Peace be upon him} said: Make your lines, and adjust your shoulders filling the gaps, be lenient on the arms of your brothers, and do not leave gaps for Shaitan. One who joins the line, Allah will make him closer, and one who disturbs a line , Allah will cut him off)

VIRTUES OF ZAKAT:

Taking out of the wealth a specific percentage of it, is mandatory on eligible Muslims, once in a year.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَنْ اسْتَفَادَ مَالًا فَلَا زَكَاةَ فِيهِ

حَتَّى يَحُولَ عَلَيْهِ الْحَوْلُ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: There is no poor due on any one's wealth until its duration come to a complete full year.)

Not paying zakat on time is a big sin. Those

1. Riyazus Saleheen: Imam Abu Zakaria Nawawi, Vol: 2,

Page: 547, No:1091.

2. Tirmizi: Imam Abu Isa, Vol: 1, Page: 357, No: 610.

who do not practice it will have to face severe punishment on the Day of Judgement.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَنْ آتَاهُ اللَّهُ مَالًا فَلَمْ يُؤَدِّ زَكَاتَهُ مُثْلَ

لَهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ شُجَاعًا أَقْرَعَ ، لَهُ رَبِيبَتَانِ ، يُطَوَّقُهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ ثُمَّ

يَأْخُذُ بِلِهْزَمَتَيْهِ ثُمَّ يَقُولُ : أَنَا مَالِكَ ، أَنَا كَنْزُكَ..... ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Whoever becomes rich by the grace of Allah and does not pay the zakat of his wealth, then on the Day of Judgement, his wealth will be converted to a bald headed poisonous snake with two black spots over the eyes. The snake will encircle his neck and bite his cheeks and say, I am your wealth, I am your treasure..)

Along with other wealth, women must pay zakat on their jewelry of gold measured to 87.47 grams or over, and of silver measured to 612.36 grams or over, on a complete full year after possession of them.

﴿ إِنَّ امْرَأَتَيْنِ أَتَتَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ﷺ وَفِي أَيْدِيهِمَا سِوَارَانِ

مِنْ ذَهَبٍ فَقَالَ لَهُمَا : أَتَوَدَّيَانِ زَكَاةَ ، قَالَتَا : لَا ، فَقَالَ لَهُمَا رَسُولُ

اللَّهِ ﷺ : أَتُحِبَّانِ أَنْ يُسَوِّرَكُمَا اللَّهُ بِسِوَارَيْنِ مِنْ نَارٍ ، قَالَتَا : لَا ،

قَالَ : فَأَدِّيَا زَكَاةَ ﴿ 2

1. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 1, Page: 533, No: 1314.

2. Tirmizi: Imam Isa, Vol: 1, Page: 359, No: 616.

(Two women came to the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} putting on both their hands two bangles of gold. He asked if they pay zakat on them? They replied negatively, then the Prophet [Peace and Blessings be upon him] Said: Do you like to be put on two bangles of Hell in place of them by Allah? They answered, No. The Prophet Said: Then pay zakat on them.)

ZAKAT OF FITR:

The above discussed zakat was related to wealth and belongings only. Along with this, we have to give a specific thing to needy on Eid-ul-Fitr.

﴿ فَرَضَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ زَكَاةَ الْفِطْرِ صَاعًا مِنْ تَمْرٍ أَوْ صَاعًا مِنْ شَعِيرٍ عَلَى الْعَبْدِ وَالْحُرِّ وَالذَّكَرِ وَالْأُنْثَى وَالصَّغِيرِ وَالْكَبِيرِ مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ ، وَآمَرَ بِهَا أَنْ يُؤَدَّى قَبْلَ خُرُوجِ النَّاسِ إِلَى الصَّلَاةِ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} enjoined to pay one sa {2.47 Kg} of dates or barley as a zakat-ul-fitr on every Muslim slave or free male or female, young or old and ordered that it would be paid before the people went out to make Eid prayer.)

VIRTUES OF FASTING:

Observing fast in the month of Ramadhan is mandatory on every adult male and female Muslim. It

1. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 1, Page: 567, No: 1408.

is not something new for us but has been practiced by earlier nations of the Prophets of Allah too.

One who fasts in the Holy Month of Ramadhan will have his sins forgiven.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَنْ صَامَ رَمَضَانَ إِيمَانًا وَ

إِحْتِسَابًا غُفِرَ لَهُ مَا تَقَدَّمَ مِنْ ذَنْبِهِ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} Said; Whoever fasts in the month of Ramadhan out of sincere faith and hoping for a reward, all his previous sins will be forgiven.)

Along with this reward, a unique blessing of Almighty Allah awaits for those who practice fasting.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : قَالَ اللَّهُ : كُلُّ عَمَلِ ابْنِ آدَمَ لَهُ إِلَّا

الصَّيَامَ فَإِنَّهُ لِي وَأَنَا أَجْزِي بِهِ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} informed that Allah {The Almighty} Said: All the deeds of Adam's son [people] are for them except fasting which is for Me, and I will be the reward for it.)

Fasting does not mean abstaining from eating, drinking and meeting with legal wife, rather it has a broad meaning that includes every action contradicting with Islamic theology, as the Prophet (Peace be upon him said) :

1. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 1, Page: 684, No: 1774.

2. Same Reference, Vol: 1, Page: 685, No: 1777.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَنْ لَمْ يَدَعْ قَوْلَ الزُّورِ وَالْعَمَلَ بِهِ

فَلَيْسَ لِلَّهِ حَاجَةٌ فِي أَنْ يَدَعَ طَعَامَهُ وَشَرَابَهُ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet [Peace and Blessings be upon him] said: One who does not stop telling lies and action according to it, then Allah does not care of his abstaining from eating and drinking)

SUHOOR AND IFTAR:

One who is going to fast, should eat something before dawn. Although it is not necessary but better to have it following the foot steps of the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him}.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : تَسَحَّرُوا فَإِنَّ فِي السُّحُورِ بَرَكَةً ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Take your suhoor [Breakfast before dawn] as it is a blessing of Allah.)

As the sun sets dawn, we are supposed to rush to break our fasts without any delay purposely.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : لَا يَزَالُ النَّاسُ بِخَيْرٍ مَا

عَجَّلُوا الْفِطْرَ ﴾ 3

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: The People will remain on the righteous path as

1. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 1, Page: 684, No: 1776.

2. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 3, Page: 81, No: 2445.

3. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 1, Page: 702, No: 1825.

long as they break their fast without any delay)

Due to the importance of fasting, one who provides something for a person observing fasting to break his fast, will have a lot of blessings of Allah, the Exalted.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَنْ فَطَّرَ فِيهِ صَائِمًا كَانَ لَهُ مَغْفِرَةٌ

لذُنُوبِهِ ، وَعِتَّقَ رَقَبَتَهُ مِنَ النَّارِ ، وَكَانَ لَهُ مِثْلَ أَجْرِهِ مِنْ غَيْرِ أَنْ

يُنْقُصَ مِنْ أَجْرِهِ شَيْءٌ ، قُلْنَا : يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ، لَيْسَ كُلُّنَا نَجِدُ مَا

نُفَطِّرُ بِهِ الصَّائِمَ ، فَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : يُعْطَى اللَّهُ هَذَا الثَّوَابَ

مَنْ فَطَّرَ صَائِمًا عَلَى مُدَقَّةِ لَبَنٍ أَوْ تَمْرَةٍ أَوْ شَرْبَةٍ مِنْ مَاءٍ....﴾ 1

JANNATI KAUN?

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said..... Whoever makes a person observing fast, to break his fast will have his sins forgiven and will be saved from entering Hell. As well as he will have the same reward as the observant of fasting have: People asked: O Prophet! Everyone of us has not something to make it done. Then the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} Said: Allah will give this reward to one who makes it done through providing him a sip of milk or date or a sip of water.....)

1. Sho'a bul Imaan: Imam Abu Bakr Ahmed Al Baihiqui,
Vol: 3, Page: 305, No: 3608, Edition:1, Date: 2000,
Press & Pub: Darul Kutul Al Ilmia, Bairut.

TRAWEEH SALAT:

In this Holy Month, one who prays will be rewarded and will have his sins wiped out.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَنْ قَامَ رَمَضَانَ إِيمَانًا وَ

إِحْتِسَابًا غُفِرَ لَهُ مَا تَقَدَّمَ مِنْ ذَنْبِهِ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Whoever prays in the night of Ramadhan with Iman and with the intention of forgiveness, his past sins will be forgiven.)

Following this glad tiding, we do pray Traveeh on each night of Ramadhan. In the reign of Shaikh Umar(May Allah be pleased with him), Muslims used to pray 20 rakats :

﴿ عَنْ سَائِبِ ابْنِ يَزِيدَ قَالَ : كَانُوا يَقُومُونَ عَلَى عَهْدِ عُمَرَ

بْنِ الْخَطَّابِ فِي شَهْرِ رَمَضَانَ بِعِشْرِينَ رَكْعَةً ﴾ 2

(Saib bin Yazid said: In the month of Ramadhan, they used to pray twenty rakat during the reign of Umar bin Khattab)

NIGHT OF POWER:

Though the whole month of Ramadhan, is full of special blessings of Allah, the Exalted, there is a more valuable night in it. The reward of praying in it

1. Bukhari: Imam Bukhri, Vol: 1, Page:684, No: 1774.

2. Sunan Baihiqi: Imam Abu Bakr, Vol: 2, Page: 496.

exceeds the prayer of a thousand months.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : إِنَّ هَذَا الشَّهْرَ قَدْ حَضَرَكُمْ ،
وَفِيهِ لَيْلَةٌ خَيْرٌ مِنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ ، مَنْ حَرَمَهَا فَقَدْ حَرِمَ الْخَيْرَ كُلَّهُ ، وَلَا
يُحْرَمُ خَيْرَهَا إِلَّا كُلُّ مُحْرُومٍ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Verily, this month has approached on you. In it there is a night, which is better than a thousand months. Therefore, whoever does not get the blessings of it, does lose every blessing and no one would be prevent from getting the blessings of it, but those who are unfortunate.)

This night was not disclosed specifically, however, to find out which night it is, our beloved Prophet Muhammed {Peace and Blessings be upon him} has given us some clues.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : تَحَرُّوا لَيْلَةَ الْقَدْرِ فِي الْوَتْرِ مِنَ
الْعَشْرِ الْآخِرِ مِنْ رَمَضَانَ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Search for the Night of Power in the odd nights of the last ten days of Ramadhan.)

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1. Ibne Maja: Imam Mohammed bin yazid, Vol: 1, Page: 467, No: 1707, Date: 1983, Edition: 1, Press: Sindh Sagar, Pub: Farid Book Stall Lahore.
 2. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 1, Page: 717, No: 1881.

ITIKAAF:

Staying in the Masjid with the intention, is called "Itikaaf". We can have usual itikaaf during the whole year, but Itikaaf as an emphasized sunnat (Sunnat Mu Ak Kada) would be practiced only in the last ten days of the Holy Month of Ramadhan.

﴿ عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ عُمَرَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا قَالَ : كَانَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ

يَعْتَكِفُ الْعَشْرَ الْوَاحِدَ مِنْ رَمَضَانَ ﴾ 1

(Abdullah bin Umar narrated that the Apostle of Allah {Peace and Blessings be upon him} used to practice Itikaaf in the last ten days of the month of Ramadhan.)

One who practices this type of Itikaaf has a great reward that is equal to performing two Hajj and two Umrah.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَنْ اعْتَكَفَ عَشْرًا فِي رَمَضَانَ ،

كَانَ كَحَجَّتَيْنِ وَعُمْرَتَيْنِ ----- ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: one who observes the Itikaaf in the last ten days of Ramadhan, would be considered as he makes two Hajj and two Umrah.)

1. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 1, Page: 719, No: 1889.

2. Sho'abul Imaan: Imam Baihiqui, Vol: 3, Page: 425, No: 3699.

FASTING IN SHAWWAL:

Along with the mandatory fasting in the month of Ramadhan, there are some optional fastings practiced by the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} considering their enormous rewards.

Letting us know the reward of the fasting in Shawwal, the Prophet (Peace be upon him) said:

﴿ إِنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ﷺ قَالَ : مَنْ صَامَ رَمَضَانَ ثُمَّ أَتْبَعَهُ سِتًّا

مِنْ شَوَّالٍ كَانَ كَصِيَامِ الدَّهْرِ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: One who observed fasting in the month of Ramadhan and then followed by six fastings in Shawwal, would be considered as he always practiced fasting.)

FASTING IN MUHARRAM:

Before the mandatory order about the fasting in the month of Ramadhan, the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} asked his companions to observe fasting on 10th of Muharram on a regular basis.

﴿ عَنْ أَبِي مُوسَى قَالَ : كَانَ يَوْمُ عَاشُورَاءَ تَعُدُّهُ الْيَهُودُ

عِيدًا ، قَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ : فَصُومُوهُ أَنْتُمْ ﴾ 2

1. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 3, Page: 193, No: 2654.

2. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 1, Page: 714, No: 1871.

(Abu Musa narrated that the Jews considered Ashura [10th of Muharram] as an Eid day. Therefore the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} ordered us to observe fasting on that day.)

After the mandatory order about Ramadhan, observing fast on the 10th of Muharram was counted as on optional fast. However, giving importance to it, the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} used to fast on it.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : أَفْضَلُ الصَّيَامِ بَعْدَ رَمَضَانَ شَهْرُ اللَّهِ

الْمُحَرَّمُ ، وَ أَفْضَلُ الصَّلَاةِ بَعْدَ الْفَرِيضَةِ صَلَاةُ اللَّيْلِ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: More important fasting after month of Ramadhan, is the fasting in Muharram, month of Allah, as well as the more important prayer after mandatory prayers, is the prayer of night [Tahajjud].)

FASTING ON ARAFA:

It is better for those who are not performing Hajj, to fast on the 9th of Zil Hij (Day of Arafah). Paying attention to it, the Prophet (Peace and Blessings be upon him) used to fast.

﴿ كَانَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ يَصُومُ تِسْعَ ذِي الْحِجَّةِ وَ يَوْمَ عَاشُورَاءَ

وَ ثَلَاثَةَ أَيَّامٍ مِّنْ كُلِّ شَهْرٍ وَ أَوَّلَ اثْنَيْنِ مِنَ الشَّهْرِ وَ الْخَمِيسِ ﴾ 2

1. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol:3, Page: 192, No: 2651.

2. Abu Daud: Imam Sulaiman, Vol: 2, Page:255, No: 665.

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} used to fast on 9th of Zil Hij, 10th of Muharram, three days in every month and on the 1st Monday and Thursday.)

And when he was asked about the reward of a fasting on the day of Arafah, he said;

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ :صِيَامُ يَوْمِ عَرَفَةَ أَحْتَسِبُ عَلَى

اللَّهِ أَنْ يُكَفِّرَ السَّنَةَ الَّتِي قَبْلَهُ وَ السَّنَةَ الَّتِي بَعْدَهُ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: I expect from Allah that the fasting on the day of Arafah will forgive the sins of a past year and coming year.)

VIRTUES OF HAJJ:

Hajj is mandatory on those who can afford its expenses, once in their life time. Unveiling its place amongst other actions, the Prophet (Peace and Blessings be upon him) said:

﴿ سَأَلَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ : أَيُّ الْأَعْمَالِ أَفْضَلُ ؟ قَالَ : إِيْمَانٌ بِاللَّهِ

وَرَسُولِهِ ، قِيلَ : ثُمَّ مَاذَا ؟ قَالَ : جِهَادٌ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ، قِيلَ : ثُمَّ

مَاذَا ؟ قَالَ : حَجٌّ مَبْرُورٌ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} was asked, Which is the best deed? He replied,

1. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 3, Page:166, No: 2642.

2. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 1, Page: 572, No: 1422.

"To believe in Allah and His Apostle." He was then asked, Which is the next? He said. "To participate in Jihaad in the way of Allah." He was then asked again, Which is the next? Then he said, "To perform acceptable Hajj.")

In a more clear statement about its reward, he said:

﴿ يَقُولُ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ : مَنْ حَجَّ لِلَّهِ فَلَمْ يَرْفُثْ وَلَمْ يَفْسُقْ ، رَجَعَ

كَيَوْمٍ وَلَدَتْهُ أُمُّهُ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Whoever performs Hajj for the sake of Allah and does not commit any improper action or sin then he returns as if he were born today.)

Delaying Hajj without any proper reason is an unacceptable action.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَنْ أَرَادَ الْحَجَّ فَلْيُعَجِّلْ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: One who has decided to perform Hajj, should do it as soon as possible.)

Horrible consequences awaits those who do not take care of Hajj after it becomes mandatory on them.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَنْ مَلَكَ رَاذًا وَ رَاحِلَةً تُبَلِّغُهُ إِلَى

بَيْتِ اللَّهِ وَلَمْ يَحُجَّ فَلَا عَلَيْهِ أَنْ يَمُوتَ يَهُودِيًّا أَوْ نَصْرَانِيًّا ﴾ 3

1. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 1, Page: 572, No: 1424.

2. Abu Daud: Imam Sulaiman, Vol:1, Page:634, No:1719.

3. Tirmizi: Imam Isa, Vol: 1, Page: 435, No: 791.

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: One who has enough to cover all the expenses of Hajj and traveling means, but he did not perform Hajj, then it does not make any difference for him to die as a Jew or Christian.)

UMRAH:

Umrah is also considered an appreciated good deed and as means to get forgiveness.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : الْعُمْرَةُ إِلَى الْعُمْرَةِ كَفَّارَةٌ لِّمَا بَيْنَهُمَا ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Umrah is an expiation for the sins committed between it and the previous one.)

Performing Umrah in the Holy Month of Ramadhan is equal to the Hajj through the perspective of reward.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ لَا مَرَأَةَ فَإِذَا جَاءَ رَمَضَانُ فَأَعْتَمِرِي

فَإِنَّ عُمْرَةً فِيهِ تَعْدِلُ حَجَّةً ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said to a woman, when the Holy Month of Ramadhan starts then make Umrah, because performing Umrah in it will be equal to Hajj.)

1. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 1, Page: 645, No: 1650.

2. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol:3, Page: 481, No: 2934.

CHAPTER 4

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Islam gives enormous importance to the relations amongst a Muslim community. It is required to keep community relationships healthy and harmonious. As it gets stronger, the religion would find its way to enter in to the hearts of the people.

Eyeing on this necessity , our religion guides us to every action that promotes a strong relationship within our society.

In the coming pages, we will touch on those activities along with supporting sayings of the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him}.

SALAM:

As a Muslim, we are supposed to greet another Muslim with the Islamic way of greeting. Through the practice of it, we can get the best reward.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : لَا تَدْخُلُونَ الْجَنَّةَ حَتَّى تُؤْمِنُوا وَلَا تُؤْمِنُوا حَتَّى تَحَآبُّوا أَوْ لَا أَدْلُكُمْ عَلَى شَيْءٍ إِذَا فَعَلْتُمُوهُ تَحَابَبْتُمْ ، أَفْشُوا السَّلَامَ بَيْنَكُمْ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: By Allah, in whose hands my life is, you will not enter paradise unless you believe and you will not believe unless you love one another. Should I direct you to an action that makes you love each other? Practice "Salam" amongst you.)

We should not hesitate in greeting others as the one who goes first will have an opportunity to get very close to the blessings of Allah, the Exalted.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : إِنَّ أَوْلَى النَّاسِ بِاللَّهِ تَعَالَى مَنْ بَدَأَهُمُ بِالسَّلَامِ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: The Closest person to Allah is one who precedes in greeting amongst them.)

We are supposed to greet every Muslim, well known for us or not.

﴿ سُئِلَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : أَيُّ الْإِسْلَامِ خَيْرٌ ؟ قَالَ : تَطْعِمُ الطَّعَامَ وَتَقْرَأُ السَّلَامَ عَلَى مَنْ عَرَفْتَ وَمَنْ لَمْ تَعْرِفْ ﴾ 3

1. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 1, Page: 471, No: 102.

2. Abu Daud: Imam Sulaiman, Vol: 3, Page: 633, No: 1756.

3. Bukhari: Imam Muhammed, Vol: 1, Page: 109, No: 27.

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} asked: Which quality of Islam is better? He replied. To Feed the hungry and greet whom you know and those you don't know.)

The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} has described all its aspects systematically saying:

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : يُسَلِّمُ الصَّغِيرُ عَلَى الْكَبِيرِ وَالْمَارُّ عَلَى الْقَاعِدِ وَالْقَلِيلُ عَلَى الْكَثِيرِ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Younger one should greet an older one, a passer by should greet one who is sitting and a small group should greet a larger group than them.)

The above saying does not mean that an older cannot greet a younger one, because some companions, as for example, respected Anas (May Allah be pleased with him) did greet younger. ²

While entering into home, we should greet habitants.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : يَا بُنَيَّ إِذَا دَخَلْتَ عَلَى أَهْلِكَ فَسَلِّمْ ،

يَكُنْ بَرَكَةً عَلَيْكَ وَعَلَى أَهْلِ بَيْتِكَ ﴾ 3

(Hazrat Anas narrated that the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: O' my son, when you enter into your home greet your family members as it is a source of blessings for you and your family)

1. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 2, Page: 421, No: 1162.

2. Same Reference, Vol: 3, Page: 426, No: 1177.

3. Tirmizi: Imam Abu Isa, Vol: 2, Page: 250, No: 596.

SHAKING HANDS:

Shaking hands with other Muslims is as important as greeting them. It is also a source to get the rewards of Allah's forgiveness.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَا مِنْ مُسْلِمَيْنِ يَلْتَقِيَانِ

فَيَتَصَافَحَانِ إِلَّا غُفِرَ لَهُمَا قَبْلَ أَنْ يَتَفَرَّقَا ﴾ 1

(The Prophet [Peace and Blessings be upon him] said: When two Muslims see each other and shake hands then they get the reward of forgiveness before they pull their hands back.)

With this, it helps us in getting away from unworthy thoughts against our Muslim brothers and makes our relationships stronger.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : تَصَافَحُوا يَذْهَبُ الْغِلُّ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Shake hands amongst you as it saves you from unworthy thoughts or feelings against other Muslims.)

HELPING HANDS:

Helping each other is considered a way to strengthen the relations between members in the community.

1. Tirmizi: Imam Abu Isa, Vol: 2, Page: 262, No: 629.

2. Muatta: Imam Abu Abdullah Malik, Page: 633,

Date: 1402 AH, Edition: No, Press: Basheer Printers,

Pub: Islami Academy, Lahore.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: الْمُسْلِمُ أَخُ الْمُسْلِمِ لَا يَظْلِمُهُ وَلَا يُسْلِمُهُ ، مَنْ كَانَ فِي حَاجَةِ أَخِيهِ كَانَ اللَّهُ فِي حَاجَتِهِ ، وَمَنْ فَرَّجَ عَنْ مُسْلِمٍ كُرْبَةً فَرَّجَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ بِهَا كُرْبَةً مِّنْ كُرْبِ يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: A Muslim is the brother of another Muslim; he does not harm him nor hand him over to his enemy. One who fulfills the need of a Muslim, Allah will fulfill his need. And one who helps a Muslim in his hard times, Allah will save him from the hardship on the Day of Judgement.)

Allah's blessings will be on those who take care of Muslims.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ:وَاللَّهُ فِي عَوْنِ الْعَبْدِ مَا كَانَ الْعَبْدُ فِي عَوْنِ أَخِيهِ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said:.....Allah helps the one who helps his brother.)

Unfortunately, if we witness any Muslim is being oppressed by another one, we should extend our helping hands to stop it.

﴿ قَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ: أَنْصُرْ أَخَاكَ ظَالِمًا أَوْ مَظْلُومًا ، قَالُوا: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ، هَذَا نَنْصُرُهُ فَكَيْفَ نَنْصُرُهُ ظَالِمًا ؟ قَالَ : تَأْخُذُهُ فَوْقَ يَدَيْهِ ﴾ 3

1. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 7, Page: 156, No: 6454.

2. Same Reference, Vol: 7, Page: 470, No: 6728.

3. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 1, Page: 849, No: 2269.

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Help your brother whether he is an oppressor or oppressed one. People asked : We know how to help an oppressed person, but how can we help an oppressor? He explained," Stop him from doing unjust.")

Along with this, we are supposed to pass our extra wealth to needy Muslims.

﴿ قَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ : مَنْ كَانَ مَعَهُ فَضْلٌ ظَهَرَ فَلْيَعُدْ بِهِ عَلَى مَنْ لَا ظَهَرَ لَهُ ، وَمَنْ كَانَ لَهُ فَضْلٌ مِّنْ رَّادٍ فَلْيَعُدْ بِهِ عَلَى مَنْ لَا رَادَّ لَهُ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: One who has extra means of traveling, should give it to one who has not and as well as, one who has extra traveling expense, should pass it to one who has not.....)

By helping our Muslim brothers, we can get the pleasure of Allah, the Exalted.

﴿ قَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ : مَنْ قَضَىٰ لِأَحَدٍ مِّنْ أُمَّتِي حَاجَةً يُرِيدُ أَنْ يَسْرَهُ بِهَا فَقَدْ سَرَّنِي وَمَنْ سَرَّنِي فَقَدْ سَرَّ اللَّهَ وَمَنْ سَرَّ اللَّهَ أَدْخَلَهُ الْجَنَّةَ ﴾

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him})

1. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 5, Page: 244, No: 4403.

2. Sho'abul Imaan: Baihiqui, Vol: 6, Page: 115, No: 7653.

said: One who fulfills the need of a Muslim making him happy, pleases me and one who pleases me pleases Allah. And who pleases Allah, He will make him enter Paradise.)

HONORING GUEST:

Taking care of a guest is the way to get close to someone else in the Muslim community. Explaining its importance, the Prophet (Peace be upon him) said:

﴿ قَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ : مَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ فَلْيُكْرِمْ ضَيْفَهُ ، جَائِزَتُهُ يَوْمٌ وَلَيْلَةٌ ، وَالضِّيَافَةُ ثَلَاثَةُ أَيَّامٍ فَمَا بَعْدُ ذَلِكَ فَهُوَ صَدَقَةٌ ، وَلَا يَحِلُّ لَهُ أَنْ يَتَّوِيَّ عِنْدَهُ حَتَّى يُخْرِجَهُ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day, should serve his guest generously. Staying one day and night is his right but, staying up to three days is considered a nice hospitality, and more than that is regarded a charity. However, it is not expected from a guest to prolong his stay so that the host will have no option left but to throw you out of the home.)

VISITING ILL:

It is the right of a sick Muslim to be visited by Muslims frequently. Inviting us to this noble action, our beloved Prophet (Peace be upon him) said:

1. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 3, Page: 387, No: 1067.

﴿ قَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ : أَطْعِمُوا الْجَائِعَ ، وَ عُودُوا الْمَرِيضَ ،

وَفُكُّوا الْعَانِيَ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Feed the hungry, visit the sick and set free the captives.)

If a Muslim knowingly, does not care of visiting a sick Muslim then he will be asked by Almighty Allah on the Day of Judgement.

﴿ قَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ : إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ يَقُولُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ :

يَا ابْنَ آدَمَ مَرِضْتُ فَلَمْ تَعُدْنِي ، قَالَ : يَا رَبِّ كَيْفَ أَعُودُكَ وَ أَنْتَ رَبُّ
الْعَالَمِينَ ، قَالَ : أَمَا عَلِمْتَ أَنَّ عَبْدِي فُلَانًا مَرِضَ فَلَمْ تَعُدْهُ ، أَمَا

عَلِمْتَ أَنَّكَ لَوْ عُدْتَهُ لَوَجَدْتَنِي عِنْدَهُ..... ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Verily, Allah the Exalted, will ask on the Day of Judgement; O' son of Adam, I was sick but you did not pay a visit to me, the person will reply: how could I visit You as You are the Lord of all the Worlds? Then He will say; Did you not know that one of My servants was sick? If you visited him you would have found my blessings close to him.)

A great reward awaits for those who visit sick Muslims.

1. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 3, Page: 241, No: 608.

2. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 7, Page: 141, No: 6433.

﴿ قَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ : مَنْ تَوَضَّأَ فَأَحْسَنَ الْوُضُوءَ وَعَادَ أَخَاهُ

الْمُسْلِمَ مُحْتَسِبًا ، بُوعِدَ مِنْ جَهَنَّمَ مَسِيرَةَ سَبْعِينَ خَرِيفًا..... ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Whoever carefully makes wudu and visits his sick Muslim brother with the intention of getting reward, would be put away from Hell at a distance of seventy years.)

FUNERAL:

As a matter of fact, everybody is to die one day. So if we care for a dead Muslim someone will take care of us, too. Along with this, attending funerals is considered the right of a Muslim on another.

﴿ قَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ : حَقُّ الْمُسْلِمِ عَلَى الْمُسْلِمِ خَمْسٌ : رَدُّ

السَّلَامِ ، وَعِيَادَةُ الْمَرِيضِ ، وَاتِّبَاعُ الْجَنَائِزِ ، وَاجَابَةُ الدَّعْوَةِ ، وَ

تَشْمِيتُ الْعَاطِسِ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: The rights of a Muslim on a Muslim are five: To return the greeting, to visit the sick, to join the funeral, to accept the invitation and to reply the sneezer's dua.)

Informing us the reward on joining the funeral,

1. Abu Daud: Imam Sulaiman, Vol:2, Page:515, No:1321.

2. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 1, Page: 480, No: 1162.

the Prophet { Peace and Blessings be upon him } Said:

﴿ قَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ : مَنْ صَلَّى عَلَى جَنَازَةٍ فَلَهُ قِيرَاطٌ فَإِنْ

شَهِدَ دَفَنَهَا فَلَهُ قِيرَاطَانِ ، الْقِيرَاطُ مِثْلُ أُحُدٍ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Whoever makes the funeral prayer, he will have the reward equal to one Qirat and if joins the burial process, will have the reward equal to two Qirat, and one Qirat is equal to Uhud mountain.)

We are not supposed to express our feelings of grief with shouting and tearing dresses imitating the way of ignorant people.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : لَيْسَ مِنَّا مَنْ لَطَمَ الْخُدُودَ وَ شَقَّ

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الْجُيُوبَ وَ دَعَا بِدَعْوَى الْجَاهِلِيَّةِ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: One who slaps his cheeks, tears his dresses and follows the ways of ignorant people, is not amongst us.)

In another saying, the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} Said:

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : أَلَمِيتُ يُعَذَّبُ فِي قَبْرِهِ بِمَا نِيحَ عَلَيْهِ ﴾ 3

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: The deceased is tortured in his grave for

1. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 2, Page: 763, No: 2091.

2. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 1, Page: 496, No: 1211.

3. Same Reference, Page: 495, No: 1209.

crying on him by others.)

DUA FOR DECEASED :

Joining the funeral process is not all that is expected from a Muslim but every one of us should ask Almighty Allah's blessings for every deceased Muslim.

Of course, a deceased person will get the reward of those supplications.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : إِذَا مَاتَ الْإِنْسَانُ انْقَطَعَ عَنْهُ عَمَلُهُ إِلَّا مِنْ ثَلَاثَةٍ : مِنْ صَدَقَةٍ جَارِيَةٍ ، أَوْ عِلْمٍ يُنْتَفَعُ بِهِ ، أَوْ وَلَدٍ صَالِحٍ يَدْعُو لَهُ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: When a person is passed away, his connection from deeds is cut off except three actions, continuous charity, educational means that can be used or child who prays for him)

Along with making dua for deceased Muslims, we can give something in the way of Allah, asking Allah's reward for them too.

﴿ قَالَ سَعْدٌ: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ﷺ ! إِنْ أُمِّي تُوفِّيَتْ وَأَنَا غَائِبٌ عَنْهَا أَيْنَفَعُهَا شَيْءٌ إِنْ تَصَدَّقْتُ بِهِ عَنْهَا ، قَالَ : نَعَمْ ، قَالَ : فَإِنِّي أَشْهَدُكَ أَنَّ خَيْرَ مَا تَصَدَّقُ بِهِ عَلَيْهَا ﴾ 2

1. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 4, Page: 511. No: 4110.

2. Bukhari: Imam Burkhari, Vol: 2, Page: 46, No: 29.

(Hazrat Sa'd asked : O"Messenger of Allah, my mother was died in my absence. Will she get reward of charity given by me for her? The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} Said: Yes, he said: Be witness that I have given my garden, full of fruits to charity for her.)

Advising Muslims to make supplications for dead Muslims, the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} has given an example that shows clearly its benefits for them.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَا الْمَيِّتُ فِي الْقَبْرِ إِلَّا كَالْغَرِيقِ الْمُتَغَوِّثِ يَنْتَظِرُ دَعْوَةَ تَلْحَقُهُ مِنْ أَبِي ، أَوْ أُمِّ ، أَوْ أَخٍ ، أَوْ صَدِيقٍ فَإِذَا لَحِقَتْهُ كَانَ أَحَبَّ إِلَيْهِ مِنَ الدُّنْيَا وَمَا فِيهَا ، وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى لَيُدْخِلُ عَلَى أَهْلِ الْقُبُورِ مِنْ دُعَاءِ أَهْلِ الْأَرْضِ أَمْثَالَ الْجِبَالِ ، وَإِنَّ هَدِيَّةَ الْأَحْيَاءِ إِلَى الْأَمْوَاتِ الْإِسْتِغْفَارُ لَهُمْ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: The condition of a dead in his grave is very much similar to a person sinking into water and expecting help from his father, mother, brother, or even friends, so when he gets, it would be more better for him than this world and what is in it. And verily, Allah, the Exalted, gives dead people rewards, equal to a mountain due to the supplications made by Muslims on earth. Indeed, the gifts of living persons

are converted into forgiveness for dead persons.)

VISITING GRAVE:

Indeed, the graveyard is the last destination for everyone. No matter, like it or not, we have to go there after death. By visiting graves, we can remember our destinations.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : كُنْتُ نَهَيْتُكُمْ عَنْ زِيَارَةِ الْقُبُورِ ، إِلَّا

فَرُورُوهَا فَإِنَّهَا تُزْهَدُ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَتُذَكَّرُ الْآخِرَةَ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace be upon him} said: I had stopped you from proceeding towards grave yards. But, now you should pay a visit, because it saves you from getting involved in this world and makes you remember Hereafter.)

It is also recorded that the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} himself visited the graveyard on the 15th night of Shaban and made dua for them.

﴿ عَنْ عَائِشَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا قَالَتْ : فَقَدْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ﷺ

لَيْلَةَ فَخَرَجْتُ فَإِذَا هُوَ بِالْبَقِيعِ ، فَقَالَ : إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَبَارَكَ

وَتَعَالَى يَنْزِلُ لَيْلَةَ النِّصْفِ مِنْ شَعْبَانَ إِلَى سَمَاءِ الدُّنْيَا فَيَغْفِرُ

لَاكْثَرِ شَعْرِ غَنَمٍ كُلِّ 2

1. Ibne Maja: Imam Muhammed bin Yazid, Vol: 1, Page: 446, No: 1633.

2. Tirmizi: Imam Abu Isa Tirmizi, Vol: 1, Page: 156, Date: No, Edition: No, Press & Pub: Maktaba Ashrafia.

(Sayyeda Aisha {May Allah be pleased with her} said: I did not see the Prophet (Peace be upon him) on a night, so I went out in search of him then found him at Baqee (Graveyard near his tomb). On looking at me he said:Verily Allah, the Exalted, comes down on the Heaven of the Earth on the fifteenth night of the month of Shaban and forgives in a number more than hairs of goats of the Kalb tribe)



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CHAPTER 5

SOCIAL RIGHTS

Islam is a most perfect and complete religion that guides its followers in their every walk of life. No wonder then, that one finds family matters taking a priority in the sayings of the Prophet {Peace upon him}, because this topic plays a great role in maintaining strong relationships amongst the Muslim society.

Picking up some important categories, concerning this chapter, we will select some beautiful sayings of the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him}.

RIGHTS OF PARENTS:

Parents are the precious gift of Allah, the Exalted, on earth for their children. They sacrifice their money, time, energy and what they have, for the sake of their children and their bright future.

Therefore, it is the right of a parent to be

served and treated nicely by their children.

﴿ عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ مَسْعُودٍ قَالَ : سَأَلْتُ النَّبِيَّ ﷺ : أَيُّ

الْأَعْمَالِ أَحَبُّ إِلَى اللَّهِ ؟ قَالَ : الصَّلَاةُ عَلَى وَقْتِهَا ، قَالَ : ثُمَّ أَيُّ ؟

قَالَ : بِرُّ الْوَالِدَيْنِ ﴾ 1

(Narrated by Abdullah bin Masood that he asked the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him}; Which deed does Allah like most? He replied; To offer prayers at their stated timings. He asked again; What is the next? He said; To treat parents nicely.)

In a more clear word, the Prophet [Peace and Blessings be upon him] said:

﴿ إِنَّ رَجُلًا قَالَ : يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ، مَا حَقُّ الْوَالِدَيْنِ عَلَى وَلَدِهَا ؟

قَالَ : هُمَا جَنَّتُكَ وَنَارُكَ ﴾ 2

(A man asked the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him}, O' Messenger of Allah, what is the right of parents on their children? He replied; They are your Paradise [Because you can enter paradise through treating them nicely] and your Hell [Because you can get Hell through displeasing them])

Giving much importance to the Parents in the Muslim community, the Prophet (Peace and Blessings be upon him) said:

1. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 3, Page: 335, No: 910.

2. Ibn-e Maja: Imam Muhammed bin Yazid, Vol: 2, Page: 395, No: 1456.

﴿ إِنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ﷺ قَالَ : مَا مِنْ وَلَدٍ بَارٍ يَنْظُرُ إِلَى وَالِدَيْهِ
نَظَرَ رَحْمَةٍ إِلَّا كَتَبَ اللَّهُ لَهُ بِكُلِّ نَظْرَةٍ حَجَّةً مَبْرُورَةً ، قَالُوا : وَإِنْ
نَظَرَ كُلَّ يَوْمٍ مِائَةً مَرَّةً ؟ قَالَ : نَعَمْ ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ وَ أَطْيَبُ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: With a look, full of mercy at parents, an obedient child gets the reward of an accepted Hajj by Almighty Allah. People asked, Whether if a child looks at them hundred times a day? He replied: Yes: he will get the reward because Allah is the greatest and Most Kind.)

Although, we have to take care of them in their whole lives, they need our special services in their old ages. This is why, the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said:

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : رَغِمَ أَنْفُهُ ، رَغِمَ أَنْفُهُ ، رَغِمَ أَنْفُهُ ، رَغِمَ
أَنْفُهُ ، قِيلَ : مَنْ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ﷺ ؟ قَالَ : مَنْ أَدْرَكَ وَالِدَيْهِ عِنْدَ
الْكِبَرِ أَحَدَهُمَا أَوْ كِلَيْهِمَا ، ثُمَّ لَمْ يَدْخُلِ الْجَنَّةَ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: May he be disgraced, may he be disgraced, may he be disgraced, it was Said: "Who", O' Messenger of Allah? He replied, "One who finds his parents, one or both of them, approaching old age

1. Sho'abul Imaan: Imam Baihiqui, Vol: 6, Page: 186, No: 7859.

2. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 7, Page: 51, No: 6387.

and did not enter paradise [through serving them])

Eyeing on the unique sacrifice given by a mother to her children through early stage to their birth and later on, the right of a mother is more than of a father.

﴿ جَاءَ رَجُلٌ إِلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ ﷺ فَقَالَ : مَنْ أَحَقُّ النَّاسِ

بِحُسْنِ صَحَابَتِي ؟ فَقَالَ : أُمُّكَ ، قَالَ : ثُمَّ مَنْ ؟ قَالَ : أُمُّكَ ، قَالَ :

ثُمَّ مَنْ ؟ قَالَ : أُمُّكَ ، قَالَ : ثُمَّ مَنْ ؟ قَالَ : ثُمَّ أَبُوكَ ﴿ 1

(A person came to the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} and asked. " Who has more right to be treated nicely by me?" He replied "Your mother". He asked again, "Who is next?" The Prophet (Peace and Blessings be upon him} replied: "Your mother." He further asked, Who is next? He replied , "Your mother." Then he asked, "Who is next?" He replied, "Then your father.")

Along with this, we are supposed to visit their graves after their death and make supplications for them too.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَنْ زَارَ قَبْرَ أَبِيهِ أَوْ أَحَدِهِمَا فِي

كُلِّ يَوْمٍ الْجُمُعَةِ مَرَّةً غُفِرَ لَهُ وَكُتِبَ بَرًّا ﴿ 2

1. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 7, Page:40, No: 6377.

2. Asheatul Lamaat: Shaikh Abdul Haque, Vol: 2, Page: 929.

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Whoever visits the grave of his parent or one of them once on every Friday, Allah will forgive him and he will be given the title of the obedient.)

Asking Allah's forgiveness and blessings for them should be included in our routine works. As, a person came to the Prophet (Peace be upon him) and requested him to describe about parents' rights after their deaths, then he said:

﴿ نَعَمْ ، أَرْبَعَةٌ : الصَّلَاةُ عَلَيْهِمَا وَالْإِسْتِغْفَارُ لَهُمَا ، وَإِنْفَازُ عَهْدِهِمَا مِنْ بَعْدِهِمَا ، وَإِكْرَامُ صَدِيقِهِمَا ، وَصِلَةُ الرَّحِمِ الَّتِي لَا رَحِمَ إِلَّا مِنْ قَبْلِهِمَا ﴾ 1

(Yes, Four actions; Prayer and Supplication for them, keeping their pledge, honoring their friends, and nice treatment for the family members connected to you only by them....)

And, if one stops making supplications for his parents, his means for life cuts off.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : إِذَا تَرَكَ الْعَبْدُ الدُّعَاءَ لِلْوَالِدَيْنِ فَإِنَّهُ يَنْقَطِعُ عَنْهُ الرِّزْقُ ﴾

(The Prophet {Peace be upon him} said: If one stops making Dua for his parents, his living means cut off)

1. Ahkaam-e-Shariat: Imam Ahmed Raza, Page: 35.

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2. Same Reference, Page: 36.

Likewise, performing Hajj and Umrah on behalf of them is also considered an appreciated action.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَنْ حَجَّ عَنْ وَالِدَيْهِ أَوْ قَضَى

عَنْهُمَا مَغْرَمًا بَعَثَهُ اللَّهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ مَعَ الْبَرَارِ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace be upon him} said: Who performs Hajj for parents or pays off their debts, Allah, the Exalted, will raise him up amongst pious persons on the Day of Judgement)

RIGHTS OF CHILDREN:

In the previous pages, we have read about the rights of parents. Naturally, that was the one side of a coin and what we are going to discuss, is the second side of the same coin. As a matter of fact, parents should expect from their children to be, as they do act according to their responsibilities with their children.

Now, we will discuss some rights of children in the coming pages.

On the birth of new babies, it is appreciated to make "Adhann" in their right ears and "Iqaamat" in their left ears.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَنْ وُلِدَ لَهُ مَوْلُودٌ فَأَذَّنَ فِي

أُذُنِهِ الْيُمْنَى وَ أَقَامَ فِي أُذُنِهِ الْيُسْرَى ﴾ 2

1. Ahkaam-e-Shariat: Imam Ahmed Raza, Page: 37.

2. Sho'abul Imaan: Baihiqi, Vol: 6, Page:390, No:8620.

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: When a baby was born, make adhan in his/her right ear and Iqaamat in his/her left ear....)

Hair of the baby should be cut off and silver equal to the hair should be given as a charity to needy.

When the grandson of the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} was born, he says

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : يَا فَاطِمَةُ اِحْلِقِي رَأْسَهُ ، وَ تَصَدَّقِي

بِرَنَّةٍ شَعْرَهُ فِضَّةً.... ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: O, Fatima, cut his hair and give silver equal to his hair in weight, to needy)

After the birth of a baby, parent are supposed to give him/her any beautiful name that has a nice meaning too.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : تُدْعَوْنَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ بِأَسْمَائِكُمْ

وَ أَسْمَاءِ آبَائِكُمْ ، فَأَحْسِنُوا أَسْمَاءَكُمْ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: You would be addressed with your names along with the names of your parents on the Day of Judgement, so give good names)

Taking care of children nicely is considered a good action.

1. Tirmizi: Imam Isa, Vol:1, Page: 755, No: 1562.

2. Abu Daud: Imam Sulaiman, Vol: 3, Page: 550, No: 1513.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : إِذَا أَنْفَقَ الْمُسْلِمُ نَفَقَةً عَلَى أَهْلِهِ

وَهُوَ يَحْتَسِبُهَا كَانَتْ لَهُ صَدَقَةٌ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: When a Muslim spends on his family with the intention of getting reward, it is regarded as an act of charity.)

Parents are supposed to love their children and treat them politely.

﴿ قَبَّلَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ الْحَسَنَ بْنَ عَلِيٍّ وَعِنْدَهُ

الْأَقْرَعُ بْنُ حَابِسٍ التَّمِيمِيُّ جَالِسًا ، فَقَالَ الْأَقْرَعُ : إِنَّ لِي عَشْرَةَ مِنَ الْوُلْدِ مَا قَبَّلْتُ مِنْهُمْ أَحَدًا ، فَنَظَرَ إِلَيْهِ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ ثُمَّ قَالَ : مَنْ

لَا يَرْحَمُ لَا يُرْحَمُ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} Kissed Hasan s/o Ali, while Aqra s/o Habis At-tamimi was sitting next to him. Aqra said: I have ten children, but I never kissed any of them . The Prophet of Allah {Peace and Blessings be upon him} Said: Whoever is not merciful to others will not be treated mercifully.)

It is the right of children to be treated equally by their parents, without any discrimination between them. For this we have a clear order of the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him}. When a person

1. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol:3, Page: 149, No: 319.

2. Same Reference, Vol: 3, Page: 344, No: 935.

came to inform him that he has given a slave to his son. Then the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} asked;

﴿..... قَالَ : أَعْطَيْتَ سَائِرَ وَلَدِكَ مِثْلَ هَذَا ، قَالَ : لَا ، قَالَ

ﷺ : فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَاعْدِلُوا بَيْنَ أَوْلَادِكُمْ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} asked, "Did you give the same to your every child?" He replied, "No", He said. "Fear Allah and practice justice amongst your children.....")

Along with this kind treatment towards them, they must be given the knowledge of their religion and ways to practice it carefully.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : أَدَّبُوا أَوْلَادَكُمْ عَلَى ثَلَاثِ خِصَالٍ :

حُبِّ نَبِيِّكُمْ ، وَحُبِّ أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ ، وَقِرَاءَةِ الْقُرْآنِ ، فَإِنَّ حَمَلَةَ

الْقُرْآنِ فِي ظِلِّ اللَّهِ يَوْمَ لَا ظِلَّ إِلَّا ظِلُّهُ مَعَ أَنْبِيَآئِهِ وَ أَصْفِيَآئِهِ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Teach your children to have three qualities; Love of your Prophet, love of his family members and reading of the Holy Quran, because, the knowledgeable person of the Quran, would be under the shadow of Allah with His Prophets and pious personalities, on the Day where there

1. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 1, Page: 896, No: 2404.

2. Kanzul Ummal : Shaikh Alauddin Al Muttaqui, Vol: 16, Page: 456, No: 45409.

would be only the shadow of Him.)

It is also the duty of parents to teach their kids the way of prayers and encourage them to make it five times a day as it is required.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مُرُوا أَوْلَادَكُمْ بِالصَّلَاةِ وَهُمْ أَبْنَاءُ

سَبْعِ سِنِينَ ، وَاضْرِبُوهُمْ عَلَيْهَا وَهُمْ أَبْنَاءُ عَشْرِ سِنِينَ ، وَفَرَّقُوا

بَيْنَهُمْ فِي الْمَضَاجِعِ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said; order your children to make prayer when they are of seven years old and pressure them to practice it while they approach to tenth year and arrange for them their beds separately.)

Beside Islamic education, they may get professional knowledge and technical experience to have a better future in this world.

RIGHTS OF HUSBAND:

A man after his marriage steps in a world; different than the previous one. To make this part of his life better, he has to understand his wife and her duties towards him.

So, lets see some of his rights in the shade of sayings of the Prophet (Peace be upon him).

It is the right of a husband to be obeyed by his wife.

1. Abu Daud: Imam Sulaiman, Vol: 1, Page: 224,

﴿ قِيلَ لِرَسُولِ اللَّهِ ﷺ : أَيُّ النِّسَاءِ خَيْرٌ ؟ قَالَ : الَّتِي

تُسِرُّهُ إِذَا نَظَرَ ، وَتُطِيعُهُ إِذَا أَمَرَ ، وَ لَا تُخَالِفُهُ فِي نَفْسِهَا وَ لَا فِي

مَالِهِ بِمَا يَكْرَهُ ﴿ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} was asked: "Who is the best woman?" He replied, "One who pleases her husband as he looks at her, obeys him as he orders and does not do something or spend money against his desire.")

Aiming at running all affairs smoothly inside the home, it is very important for the wife to respect her husband and take care of him.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : أَيُّمَا امْرَأَةٍ مَاتَتْ وَ رَوْجُهَا عَنْهَا

رَاضٍ ، دَخَلَتْ الْجَنَّةَ ﴿ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Any woman who dies while her husband is pleased with her, she will enter paradise.)

Wife is supposed to take care of her husband's home and does not allow one, he does not like to get in.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : .. وَ الْمَرْأَةُ رَاعِيَةٌ فِي بَيْتِ رَوْجِهَا. ﴿ 3

1. Nasai: Imam Ahmed, Vol: 2, Page: 364, No: 3235.

2. Ibn-e-Maja: Imam Muhammed bin Yazid, Vol: 1, Page: 520, No: 1921.

3. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 1, Page: 375, No: 846.

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said:... and the wife is responsible for the home of her husband)

And he said also:

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : أَلَا إِنَّ لَكُمْ عَلَى نِسَاءِكُمْ حَقًّا وَلِنِسَاءِكُمْ عَلَيْكُمْ حَقًّا ، فَأَمَّا حَقُّكُمْ عَلَى نِسَاءِكُمْ فَلَا يُؤْطِئَنَّ فُرُشَكُمْ مَنْ تَكْرَهُونَ وَلَا يَأْذَنَنَّ فِي بُيُوتِكُمْ لِمَنْ تَكْرَهُونَ ----- ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Listen, verily, you have your right on your wives as they have their right on you, so your right on them is that, they do not allow anyone, you don't like to get close to them, or give him permission to enter into your homes.)

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RIGHTS OF WIFE:

As for husband to know his rights, the wife must know her rights too, in order to push the wheels of life forward in a peaceful manner and maintain a healthy relationship.

It is the right of a wife to be treated nicely and respectfully.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : أَكْمَلُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِيمَانًا أَحْسَنُهُمْ خُلُقًا وَخِيَارُكُمْ خِيَارُكُمْ لِنِسَاءِكُمْ ﴾ 2

1. Tirmizi: Imam Isa , Vol: 1, Page: 595, No: 1162.

2. Same Reference, Vol: 1, Page: 595, No: 1161.

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: The most perfect Muslim amongst you is the one who has most excellent behavior amongst you and, the best amongst you are who treat their wives nicely.)

It is quite natural that husband may not find his wife as he likes to be, but still he has to enjoy with her.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : لَا يَفْرَكُ مُؤْمِنٌ مُؤْمِنَةً ، إِنْ كَرِهَ

مِنْهَا خُلُقًا رَضِيَ مِنْهَا آخَرَ ، أَوْ قَالَ : غَيْرَهُ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him } said: No Muslim should hate any female Muslim and if he does not like any habit in her, he most probably likes another habit in her.)

Husbands are supposed to provide their wives with food, shelter, dresses and medical treatment if they need.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : آلا وَحَقُّهُنَّ عَلَيْكُمْ أَنْ

تُحْسِنُوا إِلَيْهِنَّ فِي كِسْوَتِهِنَّ وَطَعَامِهِنَّ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: ... Listen! their [wives] right on you is that you provide for them nice foods and dresses)

A wife must ask for her Mehr money from her husband, because it is her right to have it.

1. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 3, Page: 1000, No: 3540.

2. Tirmizi: Imam Isa, Vol: 1, Page: 596, No: 1162.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : أَحَقُّ مَا أَوْفَيْتُمْ مِنَ الشُّرُوطِ أَنْ

تُوفُوا بِهِ مَا اسْتَحْلَلْتُمْ بِهِ الْفُرُوجَ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Among those conditions you abide by, is one that makes you enjoy with your wife.)

RIGHTS OF RELATIVES:

In a family, everyone should be treated in a nice manner by others and helped. To achieve that goal, the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} has left for us his noble sayings regarding it. Some of them are being brought in the coming pages.

Older brother is like a father for younger ones, so he should be respected and followed by younger.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : حَقُّ كَبِيرِ الْإِخْوَةِ عَلَى

صَغِيرِهِمْ حَقُّ الْوَالِدِ عَلَى وَلَدِهِ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Right of older brother on his younger ones, is like the right of a father on his sons.)

For those who take care of their sisters and help them in a nice manner, will be rewarded with an entry permission for Paradise before Allah, the Exalted.

1. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 3, Page: 80, No: 137.

2. Sho'abul Imaan: Imam Baihiqui, Vol: 6, Page: 210,

No: 7929.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَنْ كَانَتْ لَهُ ثَلَاثُ بَنَاتٍ ، أَوْ

ثَلَاثُ أَخَوَاتٍ ، أَوْ بِنْتَانِ ، أَوْ أُخْتَانِ فَأَحْسَنَ صُحْبَتَهُنَّ وَاتَّقَى اللَّهَ

فِيهِنَّ فَلَهُ الْجَنَّةُ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Whoever has three daughters or three sisters or two daughters or two sisters and then he takes care of them nicely and fears Allah for them, will enter paradise.)

Along with sisters, we have to behave towards our uncles and aunts in a pleasant manner and extend our helping hands towards them in their hard times.

﴿ رَجُلٌ أَتَى النَّبِيَّ ﷺ فَقَالَ : يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ إِنِّي أَصَبْتُ

ذَنْبًا عَظِيمًا ، فَهَلْ لِي مِنْ تَوْبَةٍ ، قَالَ : هَلْ لَكَ مِنْ أُمٍّ ، قَالَ : لَا ،

قَالَ : وَهَلْ لَكَ مِنْ خَالَةٍ ، قَالَ : نَعَمْ ، قَالَ : فَبَرَّهَا ﴾ 2

(A person came to the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} and said: "O' Prophet of Allah, I made a big mistake, so is there any way of repentance?" He asked , "Do you have your mother ?" He said, "No", then he asked, "Do you have your Aunt from your mother's side?" He said: "Yes", then the Prophet asked him to behave towards her nicely.)

While maintaining a good behavior to family

1. Tirmizi: Imam Isa, Vol: 1, Page: 900, No: 1977.

2. Same Reference, Vol: 1, Page: 897, No: 1968.

members, it is also important to keep a strong relationship with them.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَنْ أَحَبَّ أَنْ يُبْسَطَ لَهُ فِي رِزْقِهِ

وَيُنْسَى لَهُ فِي آثَرِهِ فَلْيَصِلْ رَحِمَهُ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Whoever wants to be granted more wealth and long life, then he should keep good relations with his kin.)

In another saying, the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} warned those who cut the bond of kinship, will suffer a severe punishment.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : لَا يَدْخُلُ الْجَنَّةَ قَاطِعٌ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: One who severs the bond of kinship will not enter Paradise.)

And if any of them passes through financial crisis, we are supposed to help them as much as we can. In the mean time, if they are in a position to be given the Zakat money, then they must be preferred.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : الصَّدَقَةُ عَلَى الْمِسْكِينِ صَدَقَةٌ

وَهِيَ عَلَى ذِي الرَّحِمِ ثِنْتَانِ ، صَدَقَةٌ وَصِلَةٌ ﴾ 3

1. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 3, Page: 341, No: 923.

2. Same Reference, Vol: 3, Page: 340, No: 922.

3. Tirmizi: Imam Isa, Vol: 1, Page: 368, No: 636.

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Giving charity to needy is considered one deed, but to family members is recorded as two deeds, one as a charity and the second as helping relatives.)

RIGHTS OF NEIGHBORS:

A healthy attitude towards neighbors plays a great role in maintaining peace and brotherhood in the Muslim society.

Eyeing on this noble purpose, this chapter will discuss some sayings of the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} in order to let every neighbor know his rights towards one another.

We are supposed to treat our neighbors nicely and respectfully.

﴿ إِنَّ النَّبِيَّ ﷺ قَالَ : مَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَ الْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ

فَلْيُحْسِنْ إِلَى جَارِهِ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: One who believes in Allah and the Day of Judgement, should treat his neighbors kindly.....)

Along with this instruction, the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} warned those who harm their neighbors and mistreat them, of a dire consequence.

1. Muslim: Imam Muslim bin Hajjaj, Vol: 1, Page: 456,
No: 84.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : وَاللَّهِ لَا يُؤْمِنُ ، وَاللَّهِ لَا يُؤْمِنُ ،

وَاللَّهِ لَا يُؤْمِنُ ! قِيلَ : مَنْ يَارَسُولَ اللَّهِ ؟ قَالَ : الَّذِي لَا يَأْمَنُ

جَارُهُ بَوَائِقَهُ 1 ﴿

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: "By Allah, he does not believe!" "By Allah, he does not believe!" "By Allah, he does not believe!" It was said to him, "O Messenger of Allah! Who is that ?" He replied, "One whose neighbour does not feel safe from his mischief.")

It is also the right of a neighbour that he would be taken care by his neighbour and provided food, if he needs.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : لَيْسَ الْمُؤْمِنُ بِالَّذِي يَشْبَعُ وَجَارُهُ

جَائِعٌ إِلَى جَنْبِهِ 2 ﴿

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: He is not a believer who eats to his full while his neighbour is hungry next to him.)

Exchanging gifts between neighbours is a best way to strengthen the relationship and promote a sense of helping each other. As Muslim neighbours, we should accept other neighbours' gifts happily, regardless of their positions.

1. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 3, Page: 349, No: 954.

2. Sho'abul Imaan: Imam Abu Bakr Baihiqui, Vol: 7, Page: 76, No: 9536.

﴿كَانَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ يَقُولُ : يَا نِسَاءَ الْمُسْلِمَاتِ ! لَا تَحْقِرَنَّ

جَارَةً لِّجَارَتِهَا وَلَوْ فَرُسَنَ شَاةٍ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} used to say : O Muslim women! Do not make fun of the gifts of your neighbours , even if it were the hooves of a sheep).

One who treats his neighbours nicely and fulfills his duties towards him, will be considered best neighbour before Almighty Allah.

﴿قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : خَيْرُ الْأَصْحَابِ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى خَيْرُ

هُمْ لِصَاحِبِهِ وَ خَيْرُ الْجِيرَانِ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى خَيْرُهُمْ لِجَارِهِ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: The best friend before Allah, is the one who is best for his friends, as well as the best neighbor before Allah is the one who is the best for his neighbours.)

RIGHTS OF AN ORPHAN, WIDOW, OR NEEDY:

A community cannot be considered more religious and educated until less fortunate members like orphans, widows or needy, would be treated nicely and helped to let them enjoy a better life.

1. Burkhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 3, Page: 349, No: 955.

2. Tirmizi: Imam Isa, Vol: 1, Page: 910, No: 2009.

We are supposed to take care of widows, needy persons and orphans. Our beloved Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} gave us the glad tidings of rewards by Allah, the Exalted, for those who are always ready to help them.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: السَّاعِي عَلَى الْارْمَلَةِ وَالْمِسْكِينِ

كَالْمُجَاهِدِ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ أَوْ كَالَّذِي يَصُومُ النَّهَارَ وَيَقُومُ اللَّيْلَ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: One who helps a widow or the poor, is like a warrior fighting in the way of Allah or like one who fasts in the day and prays in the night.)

And regarding an orphan, he said:

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: أَنَا وَكَافِلُ الْيَتِيمِ فِي الْجَنَّةِ هَكَذَا

وَقَالَ بِأَصْبَعَيْهِ السَّبَّابَةِ وَالْوُسْطَى ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Myself and the person who looks after an orphan, will be in Paradise like this, indicating to his index and middle fingers together.)

Taking care of an orphan is a great job, so one should not miss an opportunity to look after an orphan and provide him a shelter in his house. The Prophet (Peace be upon him) inviting us to this noble cause, said.

1. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 3, Page: 346, No: 944.

2. Same Reference, Vol: 3, Page: 346, No: 943.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : خَيْرُ بَيْتٍ فِي الْمُسْلِمِينَ

بَيْتٌ فِيهِ يَتِيمٌ يُحْسِنُ إِلَيْهِ وَ شَرُّ بَيْتٍ فِي الْمُسْلِمِينَ بَيْتٌ فِيهِ

يَتِيمٌ يُسَاءُ إِلَيْهِ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: The best home in Muslim Community is the one which adopts an orphan and where he is being treated well, but the worst home in Muslim community, is the one which adopts an orphan and where he is being treated badly.)

Along with this nice behavior towards orphans, we should provide for them what they need including foods and drinks.

JANNATI KAUN?

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَنْ قَبَضَ يَتِيمًا مِنْ بَيْنِ

الْمُسْلِمِينَ إِلَى طَعَامِهِ وَ شَرَابِهِ أَدْخَلَهُ اللَّهُ الْجَنَّةَ الْبَتَّةَ إِلَّا

أَنْ يَعْمَلَ ذَنْبًا لَا يُغْفَرُ لَهُ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: One who provides food and drink for any Muslim orphan, Allah will place him in the Paradise necessarily, except if he commits an unforgivable sin.)

Using the property of orphans for our own

1. Ibn-e-Maja: Imam Muammed bin Yazid, Vol: 2,

Page: 399, No: 1473.

2. Tirmizi: Imam Isa, Vol: 1, Page: 901, No: 1982.

needs, is a great sin. We must put their wealth aside, so that it can be used for their own purposes. The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} counted, this type of acts under big sins.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : اجْتَنِبُوا السَّبْعَ الْمُوبِقَاتِ ،

قَالُوا : يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ! وَمَا هُنَّ ؟ قَالَ : الشُّرْكُ بِاللَّهِ وَأَكْلُ مَالِ

الْيَتِيمِ --- ﴿ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Be away from seven dire acts, people asked : What are those "O Prophet of Allah?" He replied: Associating anybody with Allah.....eating the wealth of an orphan.....)

JANNATI KAUN?

RIGHTS OF RELIGIOUS SCHOLARS, THE PIOUS AND ELDERS:

Beside the top priority given by the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} to the Iman, he led us to a society where the pious and elders were being treated respectfully.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : لَيْسَ مِنَّا مَنْ لَمْ يَرْحَمْ صَغِيرَنَا وَ

يَعْرِفَ شَرَفَ كَبِيرِنَا ﴿ 2

1. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 2, Page: 50, No: 38.

2. Tirmizi: Imam Isa, Vol: 1, Page: 902, No: 1985.

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: One who does not shower mercy on younger ones and respect elders, is not amongst us.)

Respecting elders and religious scholars is considered one of the ways to glorify Almighty Allah.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : إِنَّ مِنْ إِجْلَالِ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى إِكْرَامَ ذِي الشَّيْبَةِ الْمُسْلِمِ ، وَحَامِلِ الْقُرْآنِ غَيْرِ الْغَالِي فِيهِ ، وَ الْجَافِي عَنْهُ ، وَ إِكْرَامَ ذِي السُّلْطَانِ الْمُقْسِطِ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Among the ways of glorifying Allah, are honoring an elder, respecting one who memorized the Holy Quran then does not exploit it nor does he contradict it by his actions, and respecting a just ruler.)

Giving importance to the one who memorized the Holy Quran, the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} ordered on the day of the battle of Uhad, to bury them first in the grave.

﴿ إِنَّ النَّبِيَّ ﷺ كَانَ يَجْمَعُ بَيْنَ الرَّجُلَيْنِ مِنْ قَتْلَى أَحَدٍ يَعْغِي فِي الْقَبْرِ ، ثُمَّ يَقُولُ : أَيُّهُمَا أَكْثَرَ أَخَذَ لِلْقُرْآنِ ؟ فَإِذَا أُشِيرَ لَهُ إِلَى أَحَدِهِمَا قَدَّمَهُ فِي اللَّحْدِ ﴾ 2

1. Abu Daud: Imam Sulaiman bin Ash As, Vol: 3, Page: 520, No: 1416.

2. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 1, Page: 512, No: 1260.

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} has arranged the burial of two of the Martyrs of Uhud in one grave, then he enquired: Which of them has memorized more Quran? Whoever was thus pointed out to him, was placed by him first in the grave....)

Religious Scholars were entitled with honorable names by the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} to let us know the respected place they enjoy before Allah, the Exalted.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: أَلْعَالِمُ سُلْطَانُ اللَّهِ فِي الْأَرْضِ ،

فَمَنْ وَقَعَ فِيهِ فَقَدْ هَلَكَ 1 ﴾

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: A religious Scholar is the king, appointed by Allah on earth, So whoever abuses him puts himself in a danger.)

In another saying of the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} he was declared "trustworthy of Allah, the Exalted."

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: أَلْعَالِمُ أَمِينُ اللَّهِ فِي الْأَرْضِ 2 ﴾

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: A religious Scholar is the trustworthy of Allah on earth.)

In his valuable saying, the Prophet {Peace and

1. Kanzul Ummal: Shaikh Alauddin, Vol: 10, Page: 134,

No: 28673.

2. Same Reference, Vol: 10, No: 28671.

Blessings be upon him} has given them the responsibility of passing the message of Islam to the coming generations and ordered us to respect them.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : أَكْرِمُوا الْعُلَمَاءَ فَإِنَّهُمْ وَرَثَةُ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Respect the religious Scholars, because they are vicegerents of Prophets.)

Along with this, we are supposed to listen to them carefully and try to obey them.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : اتَّبِعُوا الْعُلَمَاءَ ، فَإِنَّهُمْ سُرُجُ

الدُّنْيَا وَمَصَابِيحُ الْآخِرَةِ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Obey the religious scholars, as they are like lamps of the world and torches of the hereafter.)

Pious persons in Islam, are generally known as "Friends of Allah" referring to their honorable status before the Almighty Allah. As they are highly dignified, we must love and respect them.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى قَالَ : مَنْ عَادَى لِي

وَلِيًّا فَقَدْ آذَنْتُهُ بِالْحَرْبِ ﴾ 3

(The Prophet { Peace and Blessings be upon

1. Kanzul Ummal: Shaikh Alauddin Al Muttaqui, Vol:10, Page:150, No: 28764.

2. Same Reference, Vol: 10, Page: 135, No: 28681.

3. Bukhari: Imam Bukhri, Vol: 3, Page: 512, No: 1422.

him} Said: Allah says I will declare war against one who hates my friend

RIGHTS OF SERVANTS:

Our Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} came as a Mercy to everybody, including men and women, black and white, younger and older, rich and poor, owner and servant. Because of this distinguished status of him, he guided us to treat everybody respectfully.

For the right of servant, the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} clearly advised us to shower mercy on them and forgive their shortcomings.

﴿ جَاءَ رَجُلٌ إِلَى النَّبِيِّ ﷺ فَقَالَ : يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ! كَمْ نَعْفُو

عَنِ الْخَادِمِ ؟ صَمَتَ ، ثُمَّ أَعَادَ إِلَيْهِ الْكَلَامَ ، فَصَمَتَ ، فَلَمَّا كَانَ فِي

الثَّالِثَةِ ، قَالَ : اْعْفُوا عَنْهُ كُلَّ يَوْمٍ سَبْعِينَ مَرَّةً ۝ 1

(A Person came to the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} and asked: "O Prophet of Allah! How many times should we pardon our servant? He kept silent, then he repeated the same question, but he kept on silent. But when he asked the third time, the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} replied: Pardon him seventy times in a day.)

1. Abu Daud: Imam Sulaiman, Vol: 3, Page: 621, No: 1723.

Servants are to be directed or ordered for their work in a polite way.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : آلا أَخْبِرُكُمْ بِمَنْ يَحْرُمُ عَلَى النَّارِ

وَبِمَنْ تَحْرُمُ النَّارُ عَلَيْهِ ! عَلَى كُلِّ هَيِّنٍ لَيِّنٍ قَرِيبٍ سَهْلٍ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Should I not inform you about a person who would be saved from fire and fire would be saved from him? The One who is soft speaking, easy dealing and forgiving.)

A worker must not be abused by owners or denigrated as he is appreciated by Allah, the Exalted.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُؤْمِنَ الْمُحْتَرِفَ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Verily Allah loves the Professional Muslim.)

When a servant is hired, his reward should be handed over to him as soon as possible before his body sweat dries up.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : أُعْطُوا الْآجِيرَ أَجْرَهُ قَبْلَ أَنْ

يَجْفَ عَرَقُهُ ﴾ 3

1. Tirmizi: Imam Isa, Vol: 2, Page: 162, No: 379.

2. Al Mu'jam Al Kabeer: Imam Sulaiman Bin Ahmed Ayub Al Lakhmi Tabrani, Vol: 9, Page: 431, No: 8929, Press & Pub: Maktabatul Ma'aarif, Riaz.

3. Ibn-e-Maja: Imam Muhammed bin Yazid, Vol: 2, Page: 76, No: 213.

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Give the servant his reward before his sweat gets dry.)

RIGHTS OF GENERAL MUSLIMS:

In the previous pages of this chapter we discussed the rights of Muslims under specific categories that may not touch the general Muslims in detail. Based on the above reason, we will try to understand some important right of them.

A Muslim is supposed to feel safe from another Muslim.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : الْمُسْلِمُ مَنْ سَلِمَ الْمُسْلِمُونَ مِنْ لِسَانِهِ وَيَدِهِ ﴾¹

(The Prophet {Peace be upon him} said: A Muslim is the one who avoids harming Muslims with his hand and tongue)

Choosing better for himself and worse for another Muslim is not the sign of a perfect Muslim.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : لَا يُؤْمِنُ أَحَدُكُمْ حَتَّى يُحِبَّ

لَاخِيَهُ مَا يُحِبُّ لِنَفْسِهِ ﴾²

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: None of you will have faith until he wishes for his Muslim brother what he likes for himself.)

1. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 1, Page: 103, No: 9.

2. Same Reference, Vol: 1, Page: 104, No: 12.

A Muslim is not expected to be abused or denigrated or oppressed by any Muslim.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : ... -- الْمُسْلِمُ أَخُ الْمُسْلِمِ ، لَا يَظْلِمُهُ ، وَلَا يَخْذُلُهُ ، وَلَا يُحْقِرُهُ ، أَلْتَقَوَى هَهُنَا وَيُشِيرُ إِلَى صَدْرِهِ ثَلَاثَ مَرَّاتٍ ، بِحَسْبِ أَمْرٍ مِّنَ الشَّرِّ أَنْ يَحْقِرَ أَخَاهُ الْمُسْلِمَ ، كُلُّ الْمُسْلِمِ عَلَى الْمُسْلِمِ حَرَامٌ دَمُهُ ، وَ مَالُهُ ، وَ عِرْضُهُ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: A Muslim is the brother of other Muslim, so, he is not supposed to denigrate him nor does he suppress him. Piousness is here, indicating towards his chest three times. It is enough evil doing for a person who denigrates another Muslim, For a Muslim, his life, wealth and prestige must be taken into account by another Muslim)

It is not allowed for a Muslim to cut off his relations with another Muslim.

﴿ قَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ : لَا يَحِلُّ لِرَجُلٍ أَنْ يَهْجُرَ أَخَاهُ فَوْقَ ثَلَاثِ لَيَالٍ ، يَلْتَقِيَانِ فَيَعْرِضُ هَذَا ، وَ يَعْرِضُ هَذَا ، وَ خَيْرُهُمَا الَّذِي يَبْدَأُ بِالسَّلَامِ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: It is unlawful for a man to desert with his

1. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 7, Page: 128, No: 6418.

2. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 3, Page: 368, No: 1011.

Muslim brother for more than three nights (three days] as they meet, both of them turn their faces away from each other, but best of them is one who greets the other first.)

In fact, every Muslim must avoid committing any sin covertly or openly. But, if a Muslim does make any mistake, others are advised to cover it up.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : لَا يَسْتُرُ عَبْدٌ عَبْدًا فِي الدُّنْيَا إِلَّا

سَتَرَهُ اللَّهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: If a person covers up the sin of another one, Allah will cover up his shortcomings on the Day of Judgement.)

When a Muslim makes supplication for himself, he should include in it other Muslims too, and let angels ask blessings of Allah, the Exalted for him.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَا مِنْ عَبْدٍ مُسْلِمٍ يَدْعُو لِأَخِيهِ

بِظَهْرِ الْغَيْبِ إِلَّا قَالَ الْمَلِكُ وَلَكَ بِمِثْلِ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Whenever a Muslim makes Dua for his Muslim brother in his absence, an appointed angel says, "The same for you , too.")

At the time of financial crisis, if a Muslim has not enough to pay off his debts, then Muslim

1. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 7, Page: 196, No: 6471.

2. Same Reference, Vol: 7, Page: 499, No: 6802.

lender should give him more duration or find out a feasible way.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَنْ سَرَّهَ أَنْ يُنَجِّيَهُ اللَّهُ مِنْ كُرْبٍ

يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ فَلْيُقَنْسْ عَنْ مُعْسِرٍ أَوْ يَضَعْ عَنْهُ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} Said: Whoever wants to get rid of hardships on the Day of Judgement by Allah, should give a borrower more time to pay off or forgive it.)

Some important aspects, related to this topic have been discussed earlier in the "Community relations" chapter like visiting the ill, helping the needy Muslim, shaking hands, etc. Therefore, we don't want to repeat the same here.

JANNATI KAUN?

RIGHTS OF ANIMALS:

Animals, birds, and fishs are the creations of Allah, the Exalted. They do feel hungry, as we do, so the owner of them must provide food or drink properly on a routine basis.

﴿ مَرَّ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ بِبَعِيرٍ قَدْ لَحِقَ ظَهْرُهُ بِبَطْنِهِ ،

فَقَالَ : اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ فِي هَذِهِ الْبَهَائِمِ الْمُعْجَمَةِ ، فَارْكَبُوهَا صَالِحَةً وَ

اتْرَكُوهَا صَالِحَةً ﴾ 2

1. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 4, Page: 288, No: 3888.

2. Abu Daud: Imam Sulaiman, Vol: 2, Page:295, No:776.

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} has passed by a camel, his abdomen almost touched his ribs due to malnutrition, so the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} Said" Fear Allah for the rights of these who are unable to talk. Use them properly and leave them properly.)

Caging the animals without providing nutrition to them is a big sin that leads to get a severe punishment.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : دَخَلَتْ امْرَأَةٌ النَّارَ فِي هِرَّةٍ رَبَطَتْهَا

فَلَمْ تُطْعِمَهَا ، وَلَمْ تَدَعْهَا تَأْكُلْ مِنْ خَشَاشِ الْأَرْضِ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: A woman was thrown into Hell, because of a cat she cages neither giving it food, nor setting it free to eat some vermin of the earth.)

On the other hand, a person was forgiven, because of his kind treatment of a dog as the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him } Said:

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : غُفِرَ لِمَرْأَةٍ مُؤْمِسَةٍ مَرَّتْ بِكَلْبٍ عَلَى

رَأْسِ رَكِيٍّ يُلْهَتْ ، قَالَ : كَادَ يَقْتُلُهُ الْعَطَشُ ، فَنَزَعَتْ خُفَّهَا فَأَوْثَقَتْهُ

بِخِمَارِهَا فَنَزَعَتْ لَهُ مِنَ الْمَاءِ فَغَفِرَ لَهَا بِذَلِكَ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace be upon him} said: A bad woman was forgiven, because, once she saw a dog

1. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 2, Page: 246, No: 545.

2. Same Reference, Vol: 2, Page: 247, No: 548.

near a well dying of thirst, then she took off her shoe, tied it with her scarf and pulled out some water for it, therefore she was forgiven.)

A Muslim is expected to avoid giving hard times to animals and beating them, as the Prophet (Peace be upon him) heard some animals were being beaten by Muslims, so he said:

﴿... فَسَمِعَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ وَرَأَاهُ زَجْرًا شَدِيدًا وَضَرْبًا وَ

صَوْتًا لِلْإِبِلِ فَأَشَارَ بِسَوْطِهِ إِلَيْهِمْ، وَقَالَ: يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ عَلَيْكُمْ

بِالسَّكِينَةِ، فَإِنَّ الْبِرَّ لَيْسَ بِالْإِضْغَاعِ.....﴾ 1

(... The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} heard the camel was being beaten and pushed, so he said indicating towards them: O' people, be patient ! because running fast is not a good deed.)

Organizing an event to let animals fight each other is totally prohibited by the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him}, because it is also a way of giving them some hardships.

﴿نَهَى النَّبِيُّ ﷺ عَنِ التَّحْرِيشِ بَيْنَ الْبَهَائِمِ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} prohibited from arranging fights between animals)

Some animals are allowed to be slaughtered and eaten by us. It is recommended for this to have a very sharp knife as they feel less pain.

1. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 1, Page: 617, No: 1558.

2. Tirmizi: Imam Isa, Vol: 1, Page: 828, No: 1762.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى كَتَبَ الْإِحْسَانَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ فَإِذَا قَتَلْتُمْ فَأَحْسِنُوا الْقِتْلَةَ ، وَإِذَا ذَبَحْتُمْ فَأَحْسِنُوا الذَّبْحَ ، وَلْيُجِدْ أَحَدُكُمْ شَفْرَتَهُ ، وَلْيُرِحْ ذَبِيحَتَهُ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Verily, Allah, The Exalted, has ordered us to show mercy on everything, so adopt a nice way, while you kill and slaughter, and one should sharpen his knife to give less pain to the animal.)

Hunting animals just for fun is an act of sin and prohibited by Islam.

﴿ إِنَّ النَّبِيَّ ﷺ لَعَنَ مَنْ اتَّخَذَ شَيْئاً فِيهِ الرُّوحُ غَرَضاً ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} has cursed the person who makes a living thing target for fun)

1. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 6, Page: 119, No: 4940.

2. Same Reference, Page: 125, No: 4947.

CHAPTER 6

MORAL VALUES

Islam determines every aspect of the life of a Muslim and leads him to enjoy a respected way of living. For this, the Prophet {Peace be upon him} has turned to discuss the inner morals as well as the outer aspects of a Muslim that leave a great impression with the society.

It is needless to say that our own characters have a remarkable influence in bringing natural pleasure and maintaining peace inside homes, markets and everywhere in this world.

As we did in the previous chapters, we will choose some important sub-topics and see what our great Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said.

PROTECTION OF TONGUE:

The tongue is a small part of the body, but plays a great role in day to day business. Using it in a proper way can lead us to paradise.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَنْ يَضْمَنْ لِي مَا بَيْنَ لَحْيَيْهِ وَمَا

بَيْنَ رِجْلَيْهِ أَضْمَنْ لَهُ الْجَنَّةَ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace be upon him} said: Whoever can guarantee me about proper use of what is between his two jaw bones [tongue] and what is between his two legs [private parts], I guarantee for him paradise.)

Keeping silent is better than talking uselessly.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ ، وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ

فَلْيَقُلْ خَيْرًا أَوْ لِيَصْمُتْ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him } said: Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day should talk what is good or keep quiet.....)

Not taking care of the proper use of tongue can be the reason for a dreadful penalty in hereafter.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : إِنَّ الْعَبْدَ لَيَتَكَلَّمُ بِالْكَلِمَةِ ، يَنْزِلُ بِهَا

فِي النَّارِ أَبْعَدَ مَا بَيْنَ الْمَشْرِقِ وَالْمَغْرِبِ ﴾ 3

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Verily a person utters a word that causes him to get away from Hell, as far as the distance between east and west)

1. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 3, Page: 503, No: 1394.

2. Same Reference, Page: 503, No: 1395.

3. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 7, Page: 914, No: 7349.

Talking nicely is a way to get the reward as it is regarded as "Charity work".

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : الْكَلِمَةُ الطَّيِّبَةُ صَدَقَةٌ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Utterance of a nice word is a charity.)

MODESTY:

A Muslim , male or female is supposed to show modesty in dealing with people and choose a dress that can cover up the body in a nice manner.

Looking at its importance in our daily life, modesty is regarded as a part of faith.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : فَإِنَّ الْحَيَاءَ مِنَ الْإِيمَانِ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Modesty is the part of faith [Iman].)

In his other saying, the Prophet[Peace and Blessings be upon him) declared it as a way to get the best only.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : الْحَيَاءُ لَا يَأْتِي إِلَّا بِخَيْرٍ ﴾ 3

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: modesty results in only good.)

1. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 3, Page: 357, No: 961.

2. Same Reference, Vol: 3, Page: 382, No: 1050.

3. Same Reference, Vol: 3, Page: 381, No: 1049.

KINDNESS:

To be kind and lenient in all matters, are always appreciated by Allah, the Exalted.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الرَّفْقَ فِي

الْأَمْرِ كُلِّهِ..... ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said:.... Verily Allah likes one who should be kind and lenient in all matters.)

Kindness is a quality that plays a vital role in all matters. That is why, one who does not enjoy it, is regarded empty handed from one of the best qualities.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَنْ يُحَرِّمُ الرَّفْقَ يُحَرِّمُ الْخَيْرَ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace be upon him} said: Whoever is not kind, is regarded as the one who has not one of the best qualities.)

A Muslim should be kind during his dealing with others and while treating animals. Because of this, he would be respected in the community.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : إِنَّ الرَّفْقَ لَا يَكُونُ فِي شَيْءٍ إِلَّا زَانَهُ ،

وَلَا يُنْزَعُ مِنْ شَيْءٍ إِلَّا شَانَهُ ﴾ 3

1. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 3, Page: 353, No: 962.

2. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 7, Page: 198, No: 6474.

3. Same Reference, Vol: 7, Page: 199, No: 6478.

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} Said: Kindness adorns one who has it and makes the same horrible while it is taken out of him.)

CLEANLINESS:

Cleanliness occupies a central position in Islamic way of life. No wonder, if one sees that the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} is talking about the necessity of getting clean before Prayers.

Because of its great importance in Islam, it is regarded as a part of Iman.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : الطَّهْوَرُ شَطْرُ الْإِيمَانِ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Cleanliness is half of the faith.)

While using restroom, we must avoid facing the Holy Kaaba or turning back towards it.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : إِذَا أَتَى أَحَدُكُمْ الْغَائِطَ فَلَا يَسْتَقْبِلِ

الْقِبْلَةَ ، وَلَا يُوَلِّهَا ظَهْرَهُ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Do not turn your faces or backs towards the Holy Kaaba while using restrooms.)

Washing private parts after using restrooms is the way of our Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him}.

1. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 1, Page:859, No: 442.

2. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 1, Page: 155, No: 144.

﴿ أَنَسُ بْنُ مَالِكٍ يَقُولُ : كَانَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ إِذَا خَرَجَ لِحَاجَتِهِ

أَجِيءُ أَنَا وَغُلَامٌ وَ مَعَنَا إِدَاوَةٌ مِّنْ مَّاءٍ يَّعْنِي يَسْتَنْجِي بِهِ ﴾ 1

(Anas bin Malik said that the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} whenever went to answer the call of nature [For using restroom], I along with a boy used to accompany him with a can of water that he used to wash his private parts.)

It is always recommended to clean teeth to get rid of infections through an unclean mouth. Realizing the importance of it, the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} advised us to clean our teeth before each Prayer.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : لَوْ لَا أَنِ اشُقَّ عَلَى أُمَّتِي لَأَمَرْتَهُمْ

بِالسَّوَاكِ عِنْدَ كُلِّ صَلَاةٍ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: If I don't feel that it would be hard on my nation, I would surely order them to clean their teeth with a cleaning-bursh [Miswak] before each prayer.)

Along with this, it is also advised to take bath, specially for Friday Prayer.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : إِذَا جَاءَ أَحَدُكُمُ الْجُمُعَةُ فَلْيَغْتَسِلْ ﴾ 3

1. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 1, Page: 156, No: 150.

2. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 1, Page: 909, No:497.

3. Bukhari: Imam Bukhai, Vol: 1, Page: 371, No: 830.

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Whoever comes for Friday Prayer should take bath.)

Taking a bath without covering the necessary parts of the body, for men or women in an open area, is strictly prohibited.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : فَإِذَا اغْتَسَلَ أَحَدُكُمْ فَلْيَسْتَتِرْ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said:Whoever of you takes a bath, should conceal himself.)

KEEPING A PROMISE:

Keeping a promise one has made with others is a sign of strong faith. While counting the behavior of a hypocrite, the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} regarded it one of the signs of hypocrite.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : آيَةُ الْمُنَافِقِ ثَلَاثٌ : إِذَا حَدَّثَ كَذَبَ ،

وَإِذَا وَعَدَ أَخْلَفَ ، وَإِذَا أُؤْتِمِنَ خَانَ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: A hypocrite has three distinguished signs; when he talks , he lies, when he makes promise, he does not keep it, and whenever he is entrusted, he misappropriates it.)

1. Abu Daud: Imam Sulaiman bin, Vol: 3, Page: 214, No: 614.

2. Bukahri: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 1, Page: 110, No: 32.

Muslims must maintain fulfilling their pledges with others, including Muslims and non-Muslims, at any cost. We should remember when two persons came to the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} informing him of what they had pledged with non believers in Meccà, then he excused them from joining the battle of Badr, although Muslims were in need of their help. This event shows clearly the necessity of keeping the promise, regardless of whom you have it with.

..... فَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: إِنَصْرِفَا، نَفَى لَهُمُ

بِعَهْدِهِمْ ﴿ 1

(..... The Prophet (Peace and Blessings be upon him} Said: Turn away, we will fulfill the promise that was made with them [non-believers]...)

Eyeing on the importance of it, our beloved Prophet (Peace be upon him) reminded us in almost all of his speeches and regarded it as one of the signs of strong belief [Imaan].

عَنْ أَنَسٍ قَالَ: قَلَّمَا خَطَبَنَا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ إِلَّا قَالَ،

“لَا إِيمَانَ لِمَنْ لَا أَمَانَةَ لَهُ وَ لَا دِينَ لِمَنْ لَا عَهْدَ لَهُ” ﴿ 2

(Anas said: The Prophet { Peace be upon him} mentioned in almost his every speech: No Imaan for

1. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 5, Page: 546, No: 4524.

2. Ashe'a tul Lama'aat: Shaikh Abdul Haque, Vol:1, Page: 259, No: 30.

one who has not been entrusted and no religion for one who does not keep his promise.

TRUTHFULNESS:

Islam is a true religion and emphasizes on truthfulness to be practiced by its followers.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : دَعْ مَا يُرِيْبُكَ إِلَى مَا لَا يُرِيْبُكَ فَإِنَّ

الصِّدْقُ طَمَٰنِيْنَةٌ ، وَ الْكَذِبُ رِيْبَةٌ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Leave that which makes you doubtful and adhere to that which is free from doubt, for truth provides comfort while lying promotes suspicion.)

Truthfulness is like a door through, which one can enter into the paradise.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : عَلَيْكُمْ بِالصِّدْقِ ، فَإِنَّ الصِّدْقَ يَهْدِي

إِلَى الْبِرِّ ، وَإِنَّ الْبِرَّ يَهْدِي إِلَى الْجَنَّةِ ، وَمَا يَزَالُ الرَّجُلُ يَصْدُقُ

وَيَتَحَرَّى الصِّدْقَ حَتَّى يُكْتَبُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ صِدِّيقًا ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Practice truth because truthfulness leads to righteousness and righteousness leads to Paradise. And a person keeps on telling the truth and intending it, until in the sight of Allah he is entitled with "Truthful"...)

1. Tirmizi: Imam Isa, Vol: 2, Page: 173, No: 410.

2. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 7, Page: 224, No: 6515.

COURTESY:

One who shows courtesy to others, is being loved by Allah, the Exalted and respected by people.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَا نَقَصَتْ صَدَقَةٌ مِنْ مَالٍ ، وَ مَا زَادَ

اللَّهُ عَبْدًا بِعَفْوٍ إِلَّا عِزًّا وَ مَا تَوَاضَعَ أَحَدٌ لِلَّهِ إِلَّا رَفَعَهُ اللَّهُ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Charity does not decrease the wealth, and because of the forgiveness by a person, Allah makes him more respected, and when a person shows courtesy for the sake of Allah, Allah raises his position up.)

Because of it, we were ordered by the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} to maintain courtesy while dealing with people.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : إِنَّ اللَّهَ أَوْحَى إِلَيَّ أَنْ تَوَاضَعُوا

حَتَّى لَا يَفْخَرَ أَحَدٌ وَ لَا يَبْغِيَ أَحَدٌ عَلَى أَحَدٍ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet (Peace and blessings be upon him} said: Allah has revealed to me that you do show courtesy, so that no one has pride on others and no one oppresses others.)

1. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 7, Page: 166, No: 6468.

2. Abu Daud: Imam Sulaiman bin Ash As, Vol: 3, Page: 535, No: 1464.

PATIENCE:

With the patience, a person can come very close to the blessings of Allah, the Exalted. Therefore, a Muslim is expected to be patient in his hardship.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : عَجَبًا لِمَرْ الْمُؤْمِنِ إِنَّ أَمْرَهُ كُلَّهُ لَهُ خَيْرٌ ، وَلَيْسَ ذَلِكَ لِأَحَدٍ إِلَّا لِلْمُؤْمِنِ ؛ إِنْ أَصَابَتْهُ سَرَّاءُ شَكَرَ فَكَانَ خَيْرًا لَهُ ، وَإِنْ أَصَابَتْهُ ضَرَّاءُ صَبَرَ فَكَانَ خَيْرًا لَهُ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Wonderful is the position of a Muslim, everything turns better for him, especially as he experiences ease in his life, thanks which is better of him, and when he passed through hardships, shows patience which, is also better for him.)

In this world, some are more fortunate than others. More fortunate are expected to extend their helping hands to those who are less fortunate, as well as less fortunate are expected to show patience to get the reward on the Day of Judgement.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ قَالَ ، " إِذَا ابْتَلَيْتُ عَبْدِي بِحَبِيبَتَيْهِ فَصَبَرَ ، عَوَّضْتُهُ مِنْهُمَا الْجَنَّةَ " يُرِيدُ عَيْنَيْهِ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Verily Allah, the Exalted says, If I deprive

1. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 7, Page: 932, No: 7368.

2. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 3, Page: 242, No: 613.

my servant of two beloved things (i.e., his eyes) and he remains patient, I will let him enter Paradise in compensation for them.)

On the death of our beloved ones, we should remember the message of the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him}, he passed it to his daughter on the death of her daughter saying,

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : إِنَّ لِلَّهِ مَا أَخَذَ ، وَمَا أُعْطِيَ ، وَ

كُلُّ شَيْءٍ عِنْدَهُ مُسَمًّى فَلْتَحْتَسِبْ وَلْتَصْبِرْ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said.... Verily, it is for Allah what he takes, and what he gives; and everything before his sight is for a limited period, so she should be patient hoping reward for her....)

DEALING WITH JUSTICE:

Our Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} has set up an example of just dealing that nobody can dare to match in this world. As a Muslim, we have no other option, but to follow him.

Just persons will get the best reward on the day of Judgement.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : إِنَّ الْمُقْسِطِينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ عَلَى مَنَابِرَ مِنْ

نُورٍ الَّذِينَ يَعْدِلُونَ فِي حُكْمِهِمْ ، وَ أَهْلِيهِمْ ، وَ مَآوِلُؤُا ﴾ 2

1. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 3, Page: 243, No: 615.

2. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 5, Page: 768, No; 4607.

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Verily, the just persons, will be granted the places of light before Allah.... Those who are just in their decisions, family matters and whatever they will be made responsible for.)

For those who are in trading business, must be just in their dealings with buyers or sellers.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَنْ بَاعَ عَيْبًا لَمْ يُبَيِّنْهُ لَمْ يَزَلْ فِي مَقْتِ

اللَّهِ ، وَلَمْ تَزَلِ الْمَلَكَةُ تَلْعَنُهُ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Whoever sells an item, has something wrong without disclosing it, will be cursed by Allah and His angels continuously.)

In the meantime, the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} has given the glad tidings of a reward for just dealers.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : التَّاجِرُ الصَّدُوقُ الْأَمِينُ مَعَ النَّبِيِّينَ

، وَالصَّدِيقِينَ ، وَالشُّهَدَاءِ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: The very just and trustworthy businessmen will be treated with Prophets, Pious Persons and Martyrs)

1. Ibn-e-Maja: Imam Muhammed bin Yazin, Vol: 2, Page: 23, No: 12.

2. Tirmizi: Imam Isa, Vol: 1, Page: 620, No: 1214.

GENEROSITY:

Whatever a Muslim has, is merely the blessings of Allah, the Exalted and His property. That is why, a true follower is one who spends according to the will of Allah, the Almighty.

By spending in the righteous way, one can get the opportunity to enter Paradise.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : السَّخِيُّ قَرِيبٌ مِّنَ اللَّهِ ، قَرِيبٌ مِّنَ الْجَنَّةِ ، قَرِيبٌ مِّنَ النَّاسِ ، بَعِيدٌ مِّنَ النَّارِ ، وَ الْبَخِيلُ بَعِيدٌ مِّنَ اللَّهِ ، بَعِيدٌ مِّنَ الْجَنَّةِ ، بَعِيدٌ مِّنَ النَّاسِ ، قَرِيبٌ مِّنَ النَّارِ ، وَ الْجَاهِلُ السَّخِيُّ أَحَبُّ مِنُّ عَابِدٍ بِخِيلٍ ﴾¹

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: A generous person is close to Allah, Paradise, people and far from Hell, while a niggard is far from Allah, Paradise, people, and close to Hell. Indeed, an un-educated generous is more better than a niggard prayer in the sight of Allah.)

Surely, Allah, the Exalted , gives more to those who spend to please Him.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : قَالَ اللَّهُ ، " يَا ابْنَ آدَمَ أَنْفِقْ أَنْفِقْ

عَلَيْكَ " ﴾ 2

1. Tirmizi: Imam Isa, Vol: 1, Page: 916, No: 2027.

2. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 2, Page: 921, No: 2204.

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Allah says, "O' Children of Adam, spend your wealth. I will give you more....")

With this deed, Allah, the Almighty, becomes so pleased that he sends His angels to make supplications for generous person.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَا مِنْ يَوْمٍ يُصْبِحُ الْعِبَادُ فِيهِ إِلَّا مَلَكَانِ يَنْزِلَانِ ، فَيَقُولُ أَحَدُهُمَا : اللَّهُمَّ أَعْطِ مُنْفِقًا خَلْفًا ، وَيَقُولُ الْآخَرُ : اللَّهُمَّ أَعْطِ مُمْسِكًا تَلَفًا ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} Said: Everyday, two angels descend, one of them says, O'Allah, give more to a person who spends generously, and another one of them says, O' Allah, destroy the wealth of the niggard one.)

After spending money in the way of Allah, one should conceal it as much as he can.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : لَا يَدْخُلُ الْجَنَّةَ خَبٌّ ، وَ لَا بَخِيلٌ ، وَ لَا مَنَّانٌ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: A cheater and niggard will not enter Paradise. As well as the one who spends to show off.)

While spending our wealth for the sake of Allah, we are supposed to be very open

1. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 1, Page: 545, No: 1351.

2. Tirmizi: Imam Isa, Vol: 1, Page: 916, No: 2029.

minded and heart.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : أَنْفَقِي أَوْ ائْفَخِي وَلَا تُحْصِي

فَيُحْصِيَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْكَ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet { Peace be upon him} said to Asma, daughter of Abu Baker, spend generously and do not keep on counting your wealth, otherwise Allah will also provide you in numbers.)

PLEASANT MANNER:

The basic aim of Islam is to make its followers perfect in their spiritual guidance and outer behavior. So, the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} did show us the importance of being good in our behavior.

One who enjoys good character, will be rewarded a distinguished place in the Paradise.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَا مِنْ شَيْءٍ أَثْقَلُ فِي مِيزَانِ الْمُؤْمِنِ

يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ مِنْ حُسْنِ الْخُلُقِ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Nothing is weightier on the scale of the deeds of a Muslim on the Day of Judgement than his good behavior....)

The best Muslim is the one who is best in his manners.

1. Muslim: Imam, Vol: 2, Page: 953, No: 2271.

2. Tirmizi: Imam Isa, Vol: 1, Page: 128, No: 2070.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : أَكْمَلُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِيمَانًا

أَحْسَنَهُمْ خُلُقًا ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and blessings be upon him } Said: The most perfect Muslim is the one whose character is excellent.....)

Through his nice behavior, a Muslim can get the status of a person who fasts in his days and prays in his nights on regular basis.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : إِنَّ الْمُؤْمِنَ لَيُذْرِكُ بِحُسْنِ خُلُقِهِ



دَرَجَةِ الصَّائِمِ الْقَائِمِ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} Said: With the pleasant manners, a Muslim can achieve the position of one who fasts during the days and prays in the nights.)

Those who are nice in their behavior will have a chance to get a place very close to the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} in Paradise.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : إِنَّ مِنْ أَحَبِّكُمْ إِلَيَّ وَأَقْرَبَكُمْ مِنِّي

مَجْلِسًا يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ أَحَاسِنُكُمْ أَخْلَاقًا ﴾ 3

1. Abu Daud: Imam Sulaiman, Vol: 3, Page: 459, No: 1257.

2. Same Reference, Vol: 3, Page: 509, No: 1371.

3. Tirmizi: Imam Isa bin Tirmizi, Vol: 1, Page: 933, No: 2086.

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Amongst you, the dearest and closet to me on the Day of Judgement, will be those who have the best moral character....)



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CHAPTER 7

IMPROPER ACTIONS

The Message of the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} can not seem complete until we discuss his views concerning those actions that must be abstained from. In this side of a mirror, one can see his own day-to-day actions and find out whether he is on the righteous way.

Eying on the importance of improper actions in order to avoid practicing them, we will set up some sub-topics and see what the Prophet {Peace be upon him} said about them.

WINE AND DRUGS:

Using wine and drugs are strictly prohibited by Allah, the Exalted. Following this prohibition, the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} explained all of its aspects in further detail.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : لَا يَدْخُلُ الْجَنَّةَ مَنْانٌ ، وَ لَا عَاقٌ ،

وَ لَا مُدْمِنٌ خَمْرٍ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: A person who disobeys his parents, one who shows off after helping the needy and a regular drinker of alcohol will not enter Paradise.)

Wine drinkers will be provided pus as a drink in Hell.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : حَلَفَ رَبِّي عَزَّ وَ جَلَّ بِعِزَّتِي لَا يَشْرَبُ

عَبْدٌ مِّنْ عِبِيدِي جُرْعَةً مِّنْ خَمْرٍ إِلَّا سَقَيْتُهُ مِّنَ الصَّدِيدِ مِثْلَهَا ، وَ لَا

يَتْرُكُهَا مِّنْ مَّخَافَتِي إِلَّا سَقَيْتُهُ مِّنْ حِياضِ الْقُدْسِ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: My Lord, the Exalted, has sworn with His power that He would make, one who takes even one sip of wine, to drink pus in compensation for it, as well as one who abstains from it, because of His fear, He will provide him a drink from the Holy reservoir.)

Due to its far reaching out come in the Muslim community, the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} has cursed all those who play a role in promoting this evil action.

1. Nasai: Imam Ahmed, Vol: 3, Page: 530, No: 5678.

2. Mishkat: Imam Waliuddin Muhammed bin Abdullah, Vol: 2, Page: 227, Edition: No, Date: No, Press: Shakeel Printing Press, Pub: Darul Isa'at, Karachi.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : لَعَنَ اللَّهُ الْخَمْرَ ، وَ شَارِبَهَا ، وَ

سَاقِيَهَا ، وَ بَائِعَهَا ، وَ مُبْتَاعَهَا ، وَ عَاصِرَهَا ، وَ مُعْتَصِرَهَا ، وَ

حَامِلَهَا ، وَ الْمَحْمُولَةَ إِلَيْهَا ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Almighty Allah has cursed on the wine, the one who drinks, the one who serves it, the seller of it, the buyer of it, the one who squeezes it, the one who is engaged for squeezing it, the one who carries it, and on the whom it is carried.)

Like wine, all kinds of intoxicants are prohibited by the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him}

﴿ عَنْ أُمِّ سَلَمَةَ قَالَتْ : نَهَى رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ عَنْ كُلِّ

مُسْكِرٍ ، وَ مُفْتِرٍ ﴾ 2

(Umm-e-Salama Said: The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} prohibited everything that intoxicates.)

This order includes every kind of drug, without any mere doubt. And if it is like wine, so its business, and any involvement in promoting of it, must be declared unlawful.

1. Abu Daud: Imam Sulaiman, Vol: 3, Page: 110, No: 276.

2. Same Reference, Vol: 3, Page: 114, No: 288.

GAMBLING:

Gambling is strictly prohibited in the Holy Quran. It is a way of wasting money with the hope of getting more as a prize.

According to the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him}, one who is involved in gambling will be considered as he disobeyed Allah, the Exalted and His Messenger(Peace be upon him).

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَنْ لَعِبَ بِالنَّرْدِ فَقَدْ عَصَى

اللَّهُ وَرَسُولَهُ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: A disobedient to his parents and a gambler will not enter Paradise....)

In another word, he clearly warned us from gambling.

﴿ عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ عُمَرَ أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ ﷺ نَهَى عَنِ الْخَمْرِ ، وَ

الْمَيْسِرِ ﴾ 2

(Abdullah s/o Umar {May Allah be pleased with them} narrated that the Prophet {Peace be upon him} has prohibited from drinking wine and gambling...)

Buying lotto is surely a way of gambling.

1. Sho'abul Imaan: Imam Baihiqui, Vol: 5, Page: 237, No: 6498.

2. Abu Duad: Imam Sulaiman, Vol: 3, P: 114, No: 287.

Because, in it a person invests his money with the hope of getting more, but only a few person, as scheduled, get the prizes and the rest of them waste their pocketed money.

ANGER AND WRATH:

Anger is an evil behavior. It leads usually to unhappy outcomes. It's therefore recommended to have self control while dealing with people.

﴿ إِنَّ رَجُلًا قَالَ لِلنَّبِيِّ ﷺ : أَوْصِنِي ، قَالَ : لَا تَغْضَبُ فَرَدَّدَ

مِرَارًا ، قَالَ : لَا تَغْضَبُ 1 ﴾

(A person requested the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} to advise him, so he replied: Do not be overpowered by anger, then he repeated the same question several times. But the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} kept on repeating the same answer: Do not be angry.)

Realizing the importance of controlling anger and wrath, the Prophet {Peace be upon him} has given the best definition of a powerful person.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : لَيْسَ الشَّدِيدُ بِالصُّرْعَةِ إِنَّمَا

الشَّدِيدُ الَّذِي يَمْلِكُ نَفْسَهُ عِنْدَ الْغَضَبِ 2 ﴾

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: The Strong person is not one who overcomes

1. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 3, Page: 381, No: 1048.

2. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 7, Page: 225, No: 6519.

the people by his strength, but the strong person is one who controls himself at the time of anger.)

With controlling anger, a person can better deal with people and make his enemies into friends. The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} has instructed us to the best way to control it when he watched a person overpowered by his anger.

..... ﴿ فَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : إِنِّي لَا أَعْلَمُ كَلِمَةً لَوْ قَالَهَا لَذَهَبَ

عَنْهُ مَا يَجِدُ ، لَوْ قَالَ : أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ ---- ﴾ 1

(..... Then the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: If he could repeat a word that I know he would get rid of the condition in which he is, i-e to say "A OG ZO BIL LAA HI MI NASH SHAI TA NIR RA JEEM" {I seek refuge with Allah from shaitan, the cursed}.....)

TELLING LIES:

Lying is strictly prohibited in Islam. It spreads suspicions in the Muslim society. That in turn, leads to a community where nobody trusts each other.

Lying is a big sin that pushes the person to evil acts.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : ---- إِنَّ الْكَذِبَ يَهْدِي إِلَى

الْفُجُورِ ، وَإِنَّ الْفُجُورَ يَهْدِي إِلَى النَّارِ ، وَإِنَّ الرَّجُلَ لَيَكْذِبُ حَتَّى

يُكْتَبَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ كَذَابًا ﴾ 2

1. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 3, Page: 381, No: 1047.

2. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 7, Page: 223, No: 6513.

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Verily lying leads to evil doings and evil doings lead to Hell. Undoubtedly a person keeps on telling lies until he is entitled with a liar before Allah.)

Even angels get away from a place where lies are being practiced.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : إِذَا كَذَبَ الْعَبْدُ تَبَاعَدَ عَنْهُ الْمَلَكُ

مِيلًا مِنْ نَتْنٍ مَاجَأَ بِهِ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Whenever a person lies, the angel goes a mile away from him, because of the bad smell of what he has produced.)

On the night of Meraj, our beloved Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} had seen some people were getting severe punishment due to their lies.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : رَأَيْتُ رَجُلَيْنِ آتِيَانِي قَالَا : الَّذِي

رَأَيْتَهُ يُشَوُّ شِدْقَهُ فَكَذَّابٌ ، يَكْذِبُ بِالْكَذْبَةِ تُحْمَلُ عَنْهُ حَتَّى تَبْلُغَ

الْأَفَاقَ ، فَيُصْنَعُ بِهِ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: I saw two men who came to me and said: The one you have seen whose cheek is being torn away was a liar used to tell lies and the people would

1. Tirmizi: Imam Isa, Vol:1, Page: 919, No: 2039.

2. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 3, Page: 375, No: 1029.

spread it over the world. Due to this, he will be punished like that until the Last Day.)

On the other hand, whoever avoids telling lies, will get the reward of Paradise.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَنْ تَرَكَ الْكَذِبَ وَهُوَ بَاطِلٌ بُنِيَ لَهُ فِي رَبَضِ الْجَنَّةِ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace be upon him} said: Whoever stops telling lies, which is wrong, a house will be built by the side of Paradise for him.)

In order to make the people laugh, one should not tell lie, because it is also a way of evil.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : وَيْلٌ لِّلَّذِي يُحَدِّثُ بِالْحَدِيثِ

لِيُضْحِكَ بِهِ ، فَيَكْذِبُ ، وَيْلٌ لَهُ ، وَيْلٌ لَهُ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Woe to him who tells lie to make the people laugh. Woe to him, woe to him.)

BACK BITING:

The Holy Quran strictly prohibits back-biting. Explaining that order, the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} has also guided us to abstain from back-biting.

The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} has given a very clear definition of

1. Tirmizi: Imam Isa, Vol: 1, Page: 925, No: 2061.

2. Same Reference, Vol: 2, Page: 96, No: 196.

back biting saying:

﴿ إِنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ﷺ قَالَ : أَتَدْرُونَ مَا الْغِيْبَةُ ؟ قَالُوا : اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ أَعْلَمُ ، قَالَ : ذِكْرُكَ أَخَاكَ بِمَا يَكْرَهُ ، قِيلَ : أَفَرَأَيْتَ إِنْ كَانَ فِي أَخِي مَا أَقُولُ ، قَالَ : إِنْ كَانَ فِيهِ مَا تَقُولُ فَقَدْ اغْتَبَتَهُ ، وَ إِنْ لَمْ يَكُنْ فِيهِ فَقَدْ بَهَتَهُ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} asked: Do you know what is back-biting? They replied: Allah and his Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} know better, then he explained: Talking about your Muslim brother, in a way that he does not like. He was asked: What if the talking about him as he is? He replied: Yes, if your talking is the same as he is, then you back bited him and if not, then you slandered him.)

Back biting is one of the greatest sins. It would not be forgiven until the person who was targeted forgives his back biter.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : إِنَّ صَاحِبَ الْغِيْبَةِ لَا يُغْفَرُ لَهُ حَتَّى يَغْفِرَ هَا لَهُ صَاحِبُهُ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said... Verily, Allah, the Exalted, does not

1. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 7, Page: 167, No: 6469.

2. Sho'abul Imaan: Imam Baihiqi, Vol: 5, Page: 306, No: 6741.

forgive the back biter until the one who was targeted forgives him.)

We, as Muslim, are supposed to avoid getting involved in this sin, and if in the past we back bited someone, we must rush to them asking their forgiveness. But if they are not alive, then we should make supplication for them and ask Allah's blessing for them.

About the punishment, a back-biter may expect before Allah, the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} revealed what he watched on the "Night of Meraj":

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : لَمَّا عَرَجَ بِي عَزَّ وَجَلَّ مَرَرْتُ بِقَوْمٍ لَهُمْ أَظْفَارٌ مِّنْ نُّحَاسٍ يَّخْمِسُونَ وُجُوهَهُمْ وَ صُدُورَهُمْ ، فَقُلْتُ : مَنْ هَؤُلَاءِ يَا جِبْرِيلُ ؟ قَالَ : هَؤُلَاءِ الَّذِينَ يَأْكُلُونَ لُحُومَ النَّاسِ ، وَ يَقَعُونَ فِي أَعْرَاضِهِمْ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: When I was taken up by Allah, the Exalted, I passed by some people who were scratching their faces and chest with their nails made of brass, then I questioned: Who were they O' Jibrael? He replied: They are the ones who were eating the fleshs of the people and playing with their prestige.)

Talking about a negative behavior of a person

1. Sho'abul Imaan: Imam Bauhihiqi, Vol: 5, Page: 300, No: 6716.

he does practice openly, is not back-biting as the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} made it clear.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : أَتَرْغُونَ عَنْ ذِكْرِ الْفَاجِرِ،

أَذْكُرُوهُ بِمَا فِيهِ كَيْ يَعْرِفَهُ النَّاسُ وَيَحْذَرَهُ النَّاسُ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Do you abstain from talking about sinners? How do people know about him? Do talk about him so that people will be careful about him.)

TALE- BEARING NEGATIVELY:

Tale bearing means conveyance of disagreeable false statements from one person to another to create hostility between them. Surely, it is an act of promoting hatred and animosity between people.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : أَلَا أُنبِّئُكُمْ مَا الْعَضَةُ ؟ هِيَ النَّمِيمَةُ

الْقَالَةُ بَيْنَ النَّاسِ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: May I tell you what "Adha" Is? It is tale bearing negatively between people....)

Realizing the outcome of this act, Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} regarded those

1. Sho'abul Imaan: Imam Baihiqi, Vol: 7, Page: 109, No: 9666.

2. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 7, Page: 220, No: 6512.

who practice it, as the worst people.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : شَرَّارُ عِبَادِكُمْ الْمَشَاوُونَ

بِالنَّمِيمَةِ الْمُفَرِّقُونَ بَيْنَ الْأَحِبَّةِ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: The worst people amongst the servants of Allah, are those who bear tales of one to other negatively with the intention of separating them.)

Tale-bearers will not enter paradise.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : لَا يَدْخُلُ الْجَنَّةَ نَمَّامٌ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and blessings be upon him} said: A tale-bearer negatively will not enter paradise.)

To know how big this sin is? One should listen to what the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said while passing by the grave of two Muslims.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : يُعَذَّبَانِ وَمَا يُعَذَّبَانِ فِي

كَبِيرَةٍ وَإِنَّهُ لَكَبِيرٌ ، كَانَ أَحَدُهُمَا لَا يَسْتَتِرُ مِنَ الْبَوْلِ ، وَكَانَ الْآخَرُ

يَمْشِي بِالنَّمِيمَةِ ... ﴾ 3

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: They are being punished, not because of a major sin, yet their sins are great: One of them used not to save himself from the urine spots and the other

1. Sho'abul Imaan: Imam Baihiqi, Vol: 7, Page: 494, No: 11108.

2. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 1, Page: 563, No: 198.

3. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 3, Page: 362, No: 992.

used to bear tales of one to another....)

JEALOUSY AND HATRED:

Islam promotes love and healthy relationship between Muslims. But jealousy and ill- will promote hatred and animosity between them. So, Islam, with its pleasant way strongly condemns those bad characters.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : لَا تَبَاغَضُوا وَلَا تَحَاسَدُوا ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Do not hate one another and do not be jealous of one another.....)

Jealousy ruins out one's good deeds very fast.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : إِيَّاكُمْ وَالْحَسَدَ ، فَإِنَّ الْحَسَدَ يَأْكُلُ

الْحَسَنَاتِ كَمَا تَأْكُلُ النَّارُ الْخَطَبَ ، أَوْ قَالَ : الْعُشْبَ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessing be upon him} said: Avoid being jealous, for it destroys good deeds as fire destroys wood.)

As well as hatred results in lessening the faith of a Muslim, a highly precious gift of Allah, the Exalted.

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1. Bukhari: Imam Muhammed bin Ismael Bukhari, Vol: 3, Page: 365, No: 1002.
 2. Abu Daud: Imam Sulaiman, Vol: 3, Page: 538, No: 1472.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : رَبِّ إِلَيْكُمْ دَاءُ الْأُمَمِ قَبْلَكُمْ ،

الْحَسَدُ وَالْبَغْضَاءُ ، وَالْبَغْضَاءُ هِيَ الْحَالِقَةُ ، لَا أَقُولُ تَحْلِقُ الشَّعْرَ ،

وَلَكِنْ تَحْلِقُ الدِّينَ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessing be upon} said: Some diseases [bad habits] of the previous nations has crept to you secretly, i.e. jealousy and hatred, hatred is like a cutter, it does not wipe out the hairs from the head rather it wipes out the faith....)

Those two persons who hate each other, are being denied from getting reward of forgiveness by Almighty Allah.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : تُعْرَضُ أَعْمَالُ النَّاسِ فِي كُلِّ

جُمُعَةٍ مَرَّتَيْنِ يَوْمَ الْاِثْنَيْنِ ، وَ يَوْمَ الْخَمِيسِ ، فَيُغْفَرُ لِكُلِّ عَبْدٍ مُؤْمِنٍ

إِلَّا عَبْدًا بَيْنَهُ وَ بَيْنَ أَخِيهِ شَحْنَاءٌ ، فَيُقَالُ : اتْرُكُوا هَذَيْنِ

حَتَّى يَفِيئَا ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: The deeds of the people are being presented twice in a week, on Monday and Thursday. Every faithful Muslim is being forgiven except those who hate each other, then angels are being ordered to watch them until they get their relations back on track)

1. Tirmizi: Imam Isa, Vol: 2, Page: 170, No: 401.

2. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 7, Page: 133, No: 6424.

SHOWING OFF:

Following the way of Islam with the intention of showing off is a big sin. Through it, one can not please Allah, the Exalted.

Showing off, is as worse as associating with Allah, the Almighty.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: إِنَّ أَخْوَفَ مَا أَخَافُ عَلَيْكُمُ الشُّرْكَ

الْأَصْغَرَ، قَالُوا: وَمَا الشُّرْكَ الْأَصْغَرُ، قَالَ: الرِّيَاءُ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: The worst things that I fear about you, is lowest way of associating with Allah, They asked: What is it? He replied: Showing off.)

Allah, The Exalted does not care of a deed, was performed with the intention of not pleasing Him alone, but there was some other reason to be achieved, too.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: قَالَ اللَّهُ تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى، "أَنَا أَغْنَى

الشُّرْكَ، مَنْ عَمِلَ عَمَلًا أَشْرَكَ فِيهِ مَعِيَ غَيْرِي، تَرَكْتُهُ وَشِرْكُهُ" ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Allah, the Exalted, says: I do not care about a person who associates something with Me.

1. Sho'abul Imaan: Imam Baihiqui, Vol: 5, Page: 333, No: 6831.

2. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 7, Page: 906, No: 7343.

If he does, I turn away from him and his act of associating with Me.)

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَنْ سَمِعَ ، سَمِعَ اللَّهَ بِهِ ، وَ مَنْ

يُرَائِي يُرَائِي اللَّهَ بِهِ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessing be upon him} Said: Whoever performs something with the intention of letting the people see it, Allah, the Exalted unveils his bad intention in public and whoever does something with the intention of showing off, Allah, the Almighty let the people know about it.)

Of course, Allah, the Exalted, knows what is open and what is hidden, watches our deeds and knows the motives behind them. So, on the Day of Judgement, He will decide the rewards of deeds on the basis of their intentions.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : إِنَّ أَوَّلَ النَّاسِ يُقْضَىٰ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

عَلَيْهِ ، رَجُلٌ اسْتَشْهَدَ ، فَأُتِيَ بِهِ ، فَعَرَّفَهُ نِعْمَةً ، فَعَرَفَهَا ، قَالَ :

فَمَا عَمِلْتُ فِيهَا ؟ قَالَ : قَاتَلْتُ فِيكَ حَتَّى اسْتَشْهَدْتُ ، قَالَ : كَذَبْتَ ،

وَلَكِنَّكَ قَاتَلْتَ لِأَنْ يُقَالَ جَرِيٌّ ! فَقَدْ قِيلَ ، ثُمَّ أُمِرَ بِهِ ، فَسُحِبَ عَلَى

وَجْهِهِ حَتَّى أُلْقِيَ فِي النَّارِ ----- وَرَجُلٌ وَسَّعَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ ، وَ أَعْطَاهُ

مِنْ أَصْنَافِ الْمَالِ ، فَأُتِيَ بِهِ ، فَعَرَّفَهُ نِعْمَةً ، فَعَرَفَهَا ،

1. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 3, Page: 511, No: 1419.

قَالَ : فَمَا عَمِلْتَ فِيهَا ؟ قَالَ : مَا تَرَكْتُ مِنْ سَبِيلٍ تُحِبُّ أَنْ
يُنْفَقَ فِيهَا إِلَّا أَنْفَقْتُ فِيهَا لَكَ ، قَالَ : كَذِبْتَ وَلَكِنَّكَ فَعَلْتَ
لِيُقَالَ : هُوَ جَوَادٌ ، فَقَدْ قِيلَ : ثُمَّ أُمِرَ بِهِ ، فَسُحِبَ عَلَى
وَجْهِهِ ثُمَّ أُلْقِيَ فِي النَّارِ ﴿ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: The first person whose case will be looked in on the Day of Judgement, will be a martyr. He will be called and shown the bounties, he had been provided. He will admit , then he will be asked: How did you use them? He will reply: I carried on fighting in the way of you until I was martyred, Allah will say: you are lying; you fought so that you would be entitled with a "brave man" and you We entitled with it, then he would be dragged on his face and thrown in to Hell..... A person would be brought on whom Allah bestowed wealth. He will also be shown all the bounties and he will admit them. Allah, the Exalted, will ask: How did you use them? He will say: I spent them in the way you like to please you. Allah will say: You are lying; in fact you spent them to be called a " generous person" and you were called such, then he would be dragged on his face and thrown into Hell.

ARROGANCE:

Pride is a big sin that leads to Hell.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: لَا يَدْخُلُ الْجَنَّةَ مَنْ كَانَ فِي قَلْبِهِ مِثْقَالُ ذَرَّةٍ مِنْ كِبَرٍ ، فَقَالَ رَجُلٌ: إِنَّ الرَّجُلَ يُحِبُّ أَنْ يَكُونَ ثَوْبُهُ حَسَنًا ، وَنَعْلُهُ حَسَنَةً ؟ قَالَ : إِنَّ اللَّهَ جَمِيلٌ يُحِبُّ الْجَمَالَ ، الْكِبَرُ بَطْرُ الْحَقِّ وَغَمَطُ النَّاسِ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Whoever has an iota of arrogance, will not enter Paradise. A Person asked; What about a person who wants a nice dress and beautiful shoe? He explained; Verily, Allah is beautiful and like beauty, in fact arrogance means " not accepting truth"and "Considering others little.")

Explaining more clearly he said:

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: أَلَا أُخْبِرُكُمْ بِأَهْلِ النَّارِ ؟ كُلُّ عَتَلٌ جَوَاطِ مُسْتَكْبِرٍ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Shall I inform you about who are to enter Hell? Those who are cruel, violent and arrogant.)

Arrogant people will not get the blessings of

1. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 1, Page: 549, No: 173.

2. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 3, Page: 367, No: 1008.

Allah, the Exalted on the Day of Judgement, and on the other hand, they are not being treated respectfully in the world, too.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : وَمَنْ تَكَبَّرَ وَضَعَهُ اللَّهُ فَهُوَ فِي أَعْيُنِ النَّاسِ صَغِيرٌ وَفِي نَفْسِهِ كَبِيرٌ حَتَّى لَّهُوَ أَهْوَنُ عَلَيْهِمْ مِنْ كَلْبٍ ، أَوْ خَنزِيرٍ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said.... And the one who is arrogant, Allah makes him down, so he would be little in the sight of people and great in his sight until he became, one day , worse than a dog and a pig in the sight of people.)

ABUSING AND CURSING:

Being a Muslim, one must avoid abusing and cursing anybody. Giving bad names for others, mimicking, jeering, and taunting are all the different ways of abusing, so we have to be more careful of them.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : سِبَابُ الْمُسْلِمِ فُسُوقٌ وَ قِتَالُهُ كُفْرٌ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said Abusing a Muslim is an evil-doing and killing him is an act of disbelieving.)

1. Sho'abul Imaan: Imam Baihiqui, Vol: 6, Page: 276, No: 8140.

2. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 3, Page: 358, No: 981.

Abusing and taunting are not the signs of a Muslim.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : لَيْسَ الْمُؤْمِنُ بِالطَّعَّانِ ، وَلَا اللَّعَّانِ ،

وَلَا الْفَاحِشِ ، وَلَا الْبَذِي ۝ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessing be upon him} said: A perfect Muslim is neither a taunter, curser nor an abuser nor having a bad tongue.)

It is not the responsibility of usual Muslims to brand other Muslims as "non-believers", depending on their own judgement. Rather, it is to be decided by great scholars of Islam. Once, they unfortunately have been declared non-believers we can name them as that. Anyway, it is a very sensitive matter, because if they are not like they were branded, it will revert to one who initiated.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : لَا يَرْمِي رَجُلٌ رَجُلًا بِالْفُسُوقِ ، وَلَا

يَرْمِيهِ بِالْكُفْرِ إِلَّا ارْتَدَّتْ عَلَيْهِ إِنْ لَمْ يَكُنْ صَاحِبَهُ كَذَالِكَ ۝ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessing be upon him} said: If someone accuses another of evil-doings or brands him as a non-believer, and he is not as he was accused of, then it will revert to one who initiated.)

Also we are not supposed to curse on dead Muslims or remember them with bad words.

1. Tirmizi: Imam Isa, Vol: 1, Page: 920, No: 2043.

2. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 3, Page: 358, No: 982.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : لَا تَسُبُّوا الْأَمْوَاتَ ، فَإِنَّهُمْ قَدْ

أَفْضُوا إِلَى مَا قَدَّمُوا ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessing be upon him} said: Do not abuse dead persons, for they are facing the consequences of what they had done in this world.)

BEGGING:

Asking for help is not appreciated in Islam.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَا يَرَالُ الرَّجُلُ يَسْأَلُ النَّاسَ حَتَّى

يَأْتِيَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ وَلَيْسَ فِي وَجْهِهِ مَرْعَةٌ لَحْمٌ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: A person keeps on begging until he comes on the Day of Judgement having no flesh on his face.)

Working hard to cover expenses is better than asking people for help.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : لَأَنْ يَأْخُذَ أَحَدُكُمْ حَبْلَهُ فَيَأْتِيَ

بِحُرْمَةٍ حَطَبٍ عَلَى ظَهْرِهِ فَيَبِيعَهَا ، فَيَكْفِيَ اللَّهُ بِهَا وَجْهَهُ ، خَيْرٌ لَهُ

مِنْ أَنْ يَسْأَلَ النَّاسَ ، أَعْطَوْهُ أَوْ مَنَعُوهُ ﴾ 3

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessing be upon him} said: For any of you to take a rope and bring

1. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 1, Page: 529, No: 1304.

2. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 2, Page: 960, No: 2294.

3. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 1, Page: 557, No: 1379.

some fire wood on his back, then sell it, so that Allah may save his prestige, is better than asking people, whether they give him or not.)

The Prophet (Peace be upon him) explained the same matter in a very pleasant and literary manner of expression.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : أَلَيْدُ الْعُلْيَا خَيْرٌ مِّنَ أَلَيْدِ السُّفْلَى ،

وَأَلَيْدُ الْعُلْيَا : الْمُنْفِقَةُ ، وَ السُّفْلَى : السَّائِلَةُ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: The upper hand is better than the lower hand as upper hand gives, while the lower one receives.)

AGGRESSION:

All forms of oppression and aggression are disapproved by the Prophet {Peace and Blessing be upon him}

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى قَالَ ، " يَا عِبَادِي ! إِنِّي

حَرَمْتُ الظُّلْمَ عَلَى نَفْسِي ، وَجَعَلْتُهُ بَيْنَكُمْ مُحَرَّمًا ، فَلَا تَظَالَمُوا

يَا عِبَادِي ----- " ﴾ 2

(The Prophet { Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Allah, the Exalted Said: O' My servants, I have decided not to oppress anyone, and prohibited you from it, so do not oppress each other....)

1. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 2, Page: 957, No: 2281.

2. Same Reference, Vol:7, Page:154, No: 6449.

Not only is oppression unlawful, but helping an oppressor is also a great sin.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَنْ مَشَى مَعَ ظَالِمٍ لِيُقَوِّيهَ وَهُوَ يَعْلَمُ أَنَّهُ

ظَالِمٌ فَقَدْ خَرَجَ مِنَ الْإِسْلَامِ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet, {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Whoever helps a tyrant to strengthen him while he knows that he is a tyrant, has gone out of Islam.)

Aggression is a means to be targeted by the wrath of Almighty Allah on the Day of Judgement.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : اتَّقُوا الظُّلْمَ فَإِنَّ الظُّلْمَ ظُلُمَاتٌ

يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Don't oppress, for it is the cause of darkness on the Day of Judgement....)

An oppressor, along with getting the punishment, must compensate for what he did with others, on the Day of Judgement.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : أَتَدْرُونَ مَا الْمُفْلِسُ ؟ قَالُوا :

الْمُفْلِسُ فِينَا مَنْ لَا دِرْهَمَ لَهُ ، وَلَا مَتَاعَ ، فَقَالَ : إِنَّ الْمُفْلِسَ مِنْ أُمَّتِي

يَأْتِي يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ بِصَلَاةٍ ، وَصِيَامٍ ، وَزَكَاةٍ وَ يَأْتِي قَدْ شَتَمَ هَذَا ،

1. Sho'abul Imaan: Imam Baihiqui, Vol: 6, Page: 122, No: 7675.

2. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol; 7, Page: 156, No: 6452.

وَقَذَفَ هَذَا ، وَ أَكَلَ مَالَ هَذَا ، وَ سَفَكَ دَمَ هَذَا ، وَ ضَرَبَ هَذَا ،
 فَيُعْطَى هَذَا مِنْ حَسَنَاتِهِ ، وَ هَذَا مِنْ حَسَنَاتِهِ فَإِنْ فَنِيَتْ حَسَنَاتُهُ
 قَبْلَ أَنْ يُقْضَى مَا عَلَيْهِ وَأُخِذَ مِنْ خَطَايَاهُمْ فَطُرِحَتْ عَلَيْهِ ،
 ثُمَّ طُرِحَ فِي النَّارِ ﴿ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Do you know who is poor? They replied: One who does not have any money or belonging. Then he said: In fact, a poor in my nation is one who has a long list of good deeds consisting of Prayers, Fasting, and Charities, but he does carry some bad deeds too, as he abused one, accused one, taken the wealth of one, killed one, hit one, so based on the judgement, his good deeds will be distributed among them all and if he will be run out of good deeds before the process is completed the bad deeds will be transferred to his account, so he will be thrown into Hell)

COMPANY OF STRANGE WOMAN:

Islam does not approve of an unlawful relationship with any strange woman. To achieve that goal it has closed every door that can possibly lead to it.

Being with a woman whose marriage with him

is permissible by law, in a place nobody is there except them, is strictly forbidden.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: لَا يَخْلُونَ رَجُلٌ بِامْرَأَةٍ إِلَّا

كَانَ ثَالِثَهَا الشَّيْطَانُ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Whenever a person gets close to a strange woman in an area alone, no one can watch them, the third one also gets close to them is, shaitan.)

With the above saying, the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} wanted to let us know a fact that when a man and a woman sit together alone, they are most likely to commit mistakes.

Spending nights at a house where there are only women with whom marriages are permissible, is strictly prohibited.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: آلا لَا يَبِيتَنَّ رَجُلٌ عِنْدَ امْرَأَةٍ ثَيِّبٍ

إِلَّا أَنْ يَكُونَ نَاكِحاً أَوْ ذَا مَحْرَمٍ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Do not spend nights with a married woman, except one who is husband of hers or one of those whose marriage is with her strictly forbidden by law.)

Staring at woman is also prohibited by the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him}.

1. Tirmizi: Imam Isa, Vol: 1, Page: 599, No: 1171.

2. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 6, Page: 539, No: 5558.

﴿ عَنْ جَرِيرٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ : سَأَلْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ﷺ عَنْ

نَظَرِ الْفَجْأَةِ ، فَأَمَرَنِي أَنْ أَصْرِفَ بَصَرِي ﴾ 1

(Respected Jaber {May Allah be pleased with him} asked the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} about an accidental look at a woman? He replied: Turn your eyes away.)



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CHAPTER 8

KNOWLEDGE AND CIVILIZATION

Islam teaches us to be always practical Muslims, applying its rules and customs in every step of our daily affairs. There was nothing left untouched, so that one can have any excuse, it clearly discusses every aspect, possible to happen , and gave a guideline to be followed by us.

Going through the same way, we will choose some important topics and try to understand them under the shade of sayings of the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} separately.

READING THE HOLY QURAN:

Reading the Holy Quran and trying to understand it, is the best way to understand Islam.

According to the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} those who read the Quran and teach it

to others, are the best people amongst Muslims.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : خَيْرُكُمْ مَنْ تَعَلَّمَ الْقُرْآنَ وَعَلَّمَهُ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessing be upon him} said: The best Muslims amongst you are those who read the Holy Quran and teach it to others.)

Through the recitation of the Holy Quran one can get a lot of rewards.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَنْ قَرَأَ حَرْفًا مِنْ كِتَابِ اللَّهِ فَلَهُ

حَسَنَةٌ ، وَ الْحَسَنَةُ بِعَشْرِ أَمْثَالِهَا ، لَا أَقُولُ : الْم حَرْفٌ ، أَلِفٌ حَرْفٌ

وَّ لَامٌ حَرْفٌ وَ مِيمٌ حَرْفٌ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessing be upon him} said: Whoever reads a letter of the Quran gets a reward equal to ten blessings. I do not say that "ALIF LAAM MEEM" is one letter but in fact. ALIF is one letter, LAAM is one letter, and MEEM is one letter)

It means one who reads " الم " will be eligible to get thirty blessings.

To get the maximum reward, one should recite the Holy Quran slowly in a pleasant voice with taking care of the Arabic Pronunciation.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَا أَذِنَ اللَّهُ لِنَبِيٍِّّ : حَسَنِ

الصَّوْتِ يَتَغَنَّى بِالْقُرْآنِ ﴾ 3

1. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 3, Page: 39, No: 19.

2. Tirmizi: Imam Isa, Vol: 2, Page: 334, No: 821.

3. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 2, Page: 573, No: 1742.

(The Prophet { Peace and Blessing be upon him} said: Allah, the Exalted does not give the reward on any action more than He gives his Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} for his recitation of the Holy Quran in a pleasant way).

Holy Quran will intercede for the reader on the Day of Judgement.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : اقْرَءُوا الْقُرْآنَ فَإِنَّهُ يَأْتِي يَوْمَ

الْقِيَامَةِ شَفِيعاً لَصُحَابِهِ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: read the Quran for it will act as an intercessor for the one who recites it on the Day of Judgement....)

As the recitation of the Holy Quran alone is allowed, reading it in a gathering is also appreciated. For this everybody must read it quietly so as no one will hear another person.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : وَمَا اجْتَمَعَ قَوْمٌ فِي بَيْتٍ مِّنْ

بُيُوتِ اللَّهِ يَتْلُونَ كِتَابَ اللَّهِ ، وَ يَتَذَكَّرُونَ بَيْنَهُمْ ، إِلَّا نَزَلَتْ عَلَيْهِمُ السَّكِينَةُ ، وَ غَشِيَتْهُمْ الرَّحْمَةُ ، وَ حَفَّتْهُمُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ ، وَ ذَكَرَهُمُ

اللَّهُ فِيمَنْ عِنْدَهُ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet { Peace and Blessing be upon him} said: Whenever some people gather in one of the

1. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 2, Page: 584, No: 1771.

2. Same Reference, Vol: 7, Page: 470, No: 6728.

houses of Allah, then recite the Quran and discuss it with each other, peace descends upon them, mercy covers them, angels spread their wings over them and Allah mentions them among those who are around Him.....)

Along with the recitation of the Quran and following its contexts, we are supposed to memorize as many chapters as we can.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : إِنَّ الَّذِي لَيْسَ فِي جَوْفِهِ شَيْءٌ مِّنَ

الْقُرْآنِ كَالْبَيْتِ الْخَرِبِ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessing be upon him} said: One whose heart does not have any chapters of the Quran, is like an empty house.)

And memorization of complete Quran and understanding it clearly, is a blessing that nothing can equal in this world.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَنْ قَرَأَ الْقُرْآنَ فَاسْتَظْهَرَهُ فَاحِلٌ

حَلَالَةٍ وَحَرَّمَ حَرَامَهُ ، أَدْخَلَهُ اللَّهُ بِهِ الْجَنَّةَ وَ شَفَّعَهُ فِي عَشْرَةِ مِّنْ

أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ كُلُّهُمْ قَدْ وَجِبَتْ لَهُ النَّارُ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: One who recited the Quran and memorized it completely then understood its permissible orders and prohibited rules, will get an

1. Tirmizi: Imam Isa, Vol: 2, Page: 335, No: 825.

2. Same Reference, Vol: 2, Page: 331, No: 816.

entrance to Paradise and his intercession for ten persons out of his family members whose entrance in the Hell is decided, will be accepted.)

After memorization of the Quran, one must especially recite it on a regular basis.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: تَعَاهَدُوا هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ ، فَوَ الَّذِي نَفْسُ

مُحَمَّدٍ بِيَدِهِ لَهُوَ أَشَدُّ تَفَلُّتًا مِّنَ الْإِبِلِ فِي عُقْلِهَا ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessing be upon him} said: Take care of memorized Quran, by Allah in whose the life of Muhammed {Peace and Blessing be upon him} is, it gets out of memory faster than a camel escapes from its rope.)

Forgetting the Quran after memorizing it, is a big sin.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: مَا مِنْ أَمْرٍ يَقْرَأُ الْقُرْآنَ ثُمَّ يَنْسَاهُ

إِلَّا لَقِيَ اللَّهَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ أَجْرَمَ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessing be upon him} said: One who reads the Quran and forgets it, will be fleshless at the time of seeing Allah.)

Reading and memorizing the Holy Quran are not enough, rather one must try to understand its meaning and act according to it in all of his daily affairs.

1. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 2, Page: 573, No: 1741.

2. Ashi a'tul Lam aat: Shah Abdul Haq, Vol: 3, Page: 338.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَنْ قَرَأَ الْقُرْآنَ وَعَمِلَ بِهَا فِيهِ ، أَلْبَسَ

وَالِدَاهُ تَاجًا يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ ، ضَوْءُهُ أَحْسَنُ مِنْ ضَوْءِ الشَّمْسِ فِي

بُيُوتِ الدُّنْيَا لَوْ كَانَتْ بِكُمْ ، فَمَا ظَنُّكُمْ بِالَّذِي عَمِلَ بِهَذَا ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessing be upon him} said: Whoever reads the Quran and follows it, his parents will be adorned with beautiful and delighted crowns, more delighted than the light of the sun, on the Day of Judgement. (He continued saying) that this would be the reward for their parents. So what do you think about the rewards for those who follow the Quran?)

SEEKING EDUCATION:

Acquiring knowledge and skill is essential for everyone. Our beloved Prophet {Peace and Blessing be upon him} discussed its importance and necessity in detail. He emphasized strongly on getting the knowledge and wisdom.

One who seeks the knowledge is regarded as one who is on the way of Allah, the Exalted.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَنْ خَرَجَ فِي طَلَبِ الْعِلْمِ ، فَهُوَ فِي

سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ حَتَّى يَرْجِعَ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessing be upon him} said: Whoever goes out in the pursuit of knowledge, he is on the way of Allah until he returns.)

1. Abu Daud: Imam Sulaiman, Vol:1, Page: 538, No:1439.

2. Tirmizi: Imam Isa, Vol: 2, Page: 228, No: 544.

said: One who goes out to get the knowledge , he is on the way of Allah till he returns.)

Seeking knowledge is necessary for every Muslim, male or female.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : طَلَبُ الْعِلْمِ فَرِيضَةٌ عَلَى كُلِّ

مُسْلِمٍ ---- ﴿ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Getting knowledge is mandatory upon every male or female Muslim....)

According to Islam getting education is more important than making optional prayers.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : فَقِيَّةٌ وَاحِدٌ أَشَدُّ عَلَى الشَّيْطَانِ

مِنْ أَلْفِ عَابِدٍ ﴿ 2

Along with Islamic education, seeking all other useful knowledge is appreciated by Islam.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : الْكَلِمَةُ الْحِكْمَةُ ضَالَّةُ الْمُؤْمِنِ

فَحَيْثُ وَجَدَهَا فَهُوَ أَحَقُّ بِهَا ﴿ 3

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessing be upon him} said: The word of wisdom is the lost property of a believer. So whenever he finds it has the right to get it.

1. Ibn- e -Maja: Imam Muhammed bin Yazid, Vol: 1, Page: 95, No: 230.

2. Tirmizi: Imam Isa, Vol: 2, Page: 242, No: 579.

3. Same Reference, Vol: 2, Page: 245, No: 585.

PREACHING:

As we know, our beloved Prophet Muhammad {Peace and Blessing be upon him} is the Last Messenger. No one will come after him with any new message of Allah, the Exalted. Therefore, we as Muslims, must feel the responsibilities of passing the Islamic Message to the coming generations.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَنْ رَأَى مِنْكُمْ مُنْكَرًا فَلْيُغَيِّرْهُ

بِيَدِهِ ، فَإِنْ لَمْ يَسْتَطِعْ فَبِلِسَانِهِ فَإِنْ لَمْ يَسْتَطِعْ فَبِقَلْبِهِ وَذَلِكَ

أَضْعَفُ الْإِيمَانِ ۝ 1

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(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Whoever sees something wrong is going on, stops it using power, if it is not possible, then stops it giving advises, and if it is also not possible, then only thinks of its badness, then this is the lowest standard of faith.)

Realizing the importance of preaching, the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said:

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : فَوَاللَّهِ لَا نُيْهَدَى اللَّهُ بِكَ

رَجُلًا وَاحِدًا خَيْرٌ لَّكَ مِنْ حُمْرِ النَّعَمِ ۝ 2

1. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol:1, Page: 458, No: 85.

2. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, Vol: 2, Page: 128, No: 263.

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said:... By Allah, if Allah guides a single person to the righteous way through your efforts, that would be better for you than getting a whole lot of red camels.)

One who has some knowledge, is supposed to pass it to others, so they can make themselves perfect.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : بَلِّغُوا عَنِّي وَلَوْ آيَةً ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Pass my message to others even if it is a word....)

Informing about the horrible consequences for concealing the message of Islam, the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said:

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَنْ سُئِلَ عَنْ عِلْمٍ فَكَتَمَهُ ، أُلْجِمَ

يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ بِلِجَامٍ مِّنْ نَّارٍ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessing be upon him} said: One who conceals a message that he is asked for, will be beaten with the stick of fire on the Day of Judgement)

But in case of lack of knowledge or if one does not have enough skill to answer the questions of the people, it is a must to avoid giving answers depending on their guesses.

1. Tirmizi: Imam Isa, Vol: 2, Page: 237, No: 565.

2. Abu Daud: Imam Sulaiman, Vol: 3, Page:105, No: 260.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَنْ أَفْتَى بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ كَانَ إِثْمُهُ

عَلَى مَنْ أَفْتَاهُ ، وَ مَنْ أَشَارَ عَلَى أَخِيهِ بِأَمْرٍ يَعْلَمُ أَنَّ الرُّشْدَ فِي

غَيْرِهِ فَقَدْ خَانَ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessing be upon him} said: Whoever was given the wrong answer, his sin would be counted on the account of the person who gave the wrong answer, and who guided his Muslim brother to a wrong direction, while he knows that righteousness is in the other direction, then he violated his trust.)

Guiding a person towards righteousness is like doing it practically.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَنْ دَعَا إِلَى هُدًى كَانَ لَهُ مِنَ الْآجِرِ

مِثْلُ أُجُورِ مَنْ تَبِعَهُ ، لَا يَنْقُصُ ذَلِكَ مِنْ أُجُورِهِمْ شَيْئًا ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Whoever guides someone to righteousness has the recompense, equal to the recompense of those who follow it without taking of their recompense even a bit.....)

1. Abu Duad: Imam Sulaiman bin Ash As, Vol: 3, Page: 104, No: 259.

2. Muslim: Imam Muslim bin Hajjaj, Vol: 7, Page: 410, No: 6680.

INNOVATION IN THE ISLAMIC THEOLOGY:

Islam is a perfect and complete religion. Our beloved Prophet {Peace and Blessing be upon him} has explained every aspect of our living needs and gave instructions to deal with them appropriately. So there is no need for any innovation.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : أَمَّا بَعْدُ فَإِنَّ خَيْرَ الْحَدِيثِ كِتَابُ اللَّهِ ، وَخَيْرَ الْهَدْيِ هَدْيُ مُحَمَّدٍ وَشَرُّ الْأُمُورِ مُحْدَثَاتُهَا ، وَكُلُّ بِدْعَةٍ ضَلَالَةٌ ﴾ 1 JANNATI KAUN?

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Verily, the best book is the Book of Allah, the best way is the way of Muhammed {Peace and Blessing be upon him}, the worst things are innovations, and every innovation is a wrong way.)

On the basis of the above saying of the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him}, it seems that every new action, whether good or bad, is prohibited. But this is not true, as we have other sayings of the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} that explain this topic more clearly.

1. Ashe-a-tal Lamaat: Shaikh Abdul Haq, Vol: 1, Page: 421, No: 133.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَنْ أَحْدَثَ فِي أَمْرِنَا هَذَا مَا لَيْسَ

مِنْهُ ، فَهُوَ رَدٌّ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Whoever innovates something in our religion, that is not appropriate to it, is unacceptable)

Before we discuss the above saying, it is better to read another one, too.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَنْ سَنَّ فِي الْإِسْلَامِ سُنَّةً

حَسَنَةً فَلَهُ أَجْرُهَا ، وَ أَجْرُ مَنْ عَمِلَ بِهَا مِنْ بَعْدِهِ مِنْ غَيْرِ أَنْ يَنْقُصَ

مِنْ أَجُورِهِمْ شَيْءٌ ، وَمَنْ سَنَّ فِي الْإِسْلَامِ سُنَّةً سَيِّئَةً كَانَ عَلَيْهِ

وِزْرُهَا ، وَ وِزْرُ مَنْ عَمِلَ بِهَا مِنْ بَعْدِهِ مِنْ غَيْرِ أَنْ يَنْقُصَ مِنْ

أَوْزَارِهِمْ شَيْءٌ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Whoever introduces a good practice in Islam, will have his reward for it, and also the reward for those who act upon it without even taking off a reward of them. As well as, whoever introduces an evil practice in Islam, will get punishment for it and also for those who act according to it without even diminishing any sin from them.)

1. Ibne Maja: Imam Muhammed bin Yazid, Vol: 1, Page: 35, No: 14.

2. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 2, Page: 941, No: 2247.

Now, it becomes very clear as the sun on the sky at mid day, that not every innovation is prohibited, but only those which contradict with the Quran and Hadith. This is why, the great scholars of Islam have divided "innovation" into two groups; "good innovations" and "bad innovation".

Printing the Holy Quran on papers, building the Masjid in a way we are doing and celebrating the birthday of the Prophet {Peace and Blessing be upon him} are being branded " good innovations." While movies, songs of different kinds and mixed gatherings are being characterized as bad innovations.

Therefore, one must be very careful of declaring anything a good or bad innovation. Branding any action with "bad" without conducting a deep research on it, is certainly a way of adding something in the religion and it is a great sin.

REPENTANCE:

Allah, the Exalted made this world and created whatever is in it. Out of His creations, human beings can make both good or bad. Indicating to this basic fact, the Prophet {Peace and be upon him} said:

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: كُلُّ ابْنِ آدَمَ خَطَّاءٌ وَ خَيْرُ

الْخَطَّائِينَ التَّوَّابُونَ ﴾ 1

1. Tirmizi: Imam Isa Tirmizi, Vol: 2. Page: 166,
No: 389.

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Most of the Children of Adam are mistake makers, and the best mistake makers are those who ask Allah's forgiveness.)

Allah, the Exalted likes us to ask for forgiveness.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: إِلَهٌ أَشَدُّ فَرَحًا بِتَوْبَةِ أَحَدِكُمْ مِّنْ

أَحَدِكُمْ بِضَآلَّتِهِ إِذَا وَجَدَهَا ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessing be upon him} said: Allah becomes more happy, because of you asking His forgiveness than one who finds his convenience after losing it.)

Because of this our beloved Prophet {Peace and Blessing be upon him} used to ask Allah's forgiveness and ordered us to do the same to show us the importance of it.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ تَوْبُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ فَإِنِّي

أَتُوبُ فِي الْيَوْمِ مِائَةً مَّرَّةً ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: O' People! turning to Allah offer repentance and seek His forgiveness. I do offer my repentance to Allah hundred times in a day.)

Although, Our Prophet {Peace and Blessing be upon him} is innocent. No one can expect him to

1. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 7, Page: 508, No: 6827.

2. Same Reference, Vol: 7, Page: 476, No: 6734.

make even a mere mistake, but he used to practice repentance to Allah only to show us the importance of it.

Our Lord Allah , the Exalted, does accept our repentance quickly and forgives us too.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى يَبْسُطُ يَدَهُ بِاللَّيْلِ لِيَتُوبَ مُسِيءُ النَّهَارِ ، وَيَبْسُطُ يَدَهُ بِالنَّهَارِ لِيَتُوبَ مُسِيءُ اللَّيْلِ حَتَّى تَطْلُعَ الشَّمْسُ مِنْ مَغْرِبِهَا ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessing be upon him} said: Allah, keeps on stretching His hands out whole night to forgive one who may ask his forgiveness for the mistake he made in the day, as well as He keeps on looking whole day to forgive one who may ask His forgiveness of the sin he committed in the night, and Allah will keep on doing so until the sun rises from the west [i.e., until the Day of Judgement])

On the basis of Islamic theology great scholars described the conditions of a complete way of repentance . They are as follows:

1. Sinner must refrain from committing sins.
2. Feel sorry for what he did.
3. A pledge of not going back to committing sins.
4. And compensate for what he did.
5. And if the sin is committed against a person, he

must give back to the concerned person.

Applying the above conditions when a person ask's Allah's forgiveness, he would be declared as he never committed any sin.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : التَّائِبُ مِنَ الذَّنْبِ كَمَنْ لَا ذَنْبَ لَهُ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him } said: A repentant for his sins becomes as he never committed a sin)

MAKING SUPPLICATION:

Usually we do face problems in our daily business and no one can come out of them without the blessing of Allah, the Exalted. Because of it Allah, Exalted is He, directed us to ask for His help, and made promises of accepting our calls.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : يَنْزِلُ رَبُّنَا تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى

كُلَّ لَيْلَةٍ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ الدُّنْيَا حِينَ يَبْقَى ثُلُثُ اللَّيْلِ الْآخِرِ ، يَقُولُ : مَنْ

يَدْعُونِي فَاسْتَجِبْ لَهُ ، مَنْ يَسْأَلُنِي فَأُعْطِيهِ ، وَمَنْ يَسْتَغْفِرُنِي

فَأَغْفِرُ لَهُ ﴾ 2

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Allah, the Exalted gets close to the heaven of this world at the last third part of every night and

1. Ibn-e-Maja: Imam Muhammed bin Yazid, Vol: 2, Page: 572. No: 2054.

2. Bukhari: Imam Bukhari, VoL:1, Page: 450, No: 1074.

asks: Whoever makes supplication I will give him, whoever asks me, I will provide him, and whoever seeks my forgiveness I will forgive him.)

Along with this clear invitation of making supplications, it was counted as an act of worshipping Allah, Exalted is He.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : الدُّعَاءُ هُوَ الْعِبَادَةُ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Making supplication is not but an act of worshipping)

On the basis of these sayings of the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} great Islamic scholars have described some conditions that should be in place prior to making supplications, and its manners. We will see some of them in brief.

Firm Expectation:

We are supposed to be very expectant of accepting our supplications by Allah, the Almighty.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : فَإِذَا سَأَلْتُمُ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ ،

أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ فَاسْأَلُوهُ وَ أَنْتُمْ مُوقِنُونَ بِالْإِجَابَةِ ﴾ 2

1. Tirmizi: Imam Isa, Vol: 2, Page: 565, No: 1299.

2. Majma uz za waaid: Shaikh Nuruddin Ali Haisimi, Vol: 10, Page: 148, Edition: No, Date:1402 Hijri, Press & Pub: Darul Kitab Al Arbai, Bairut.

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessing be upon him} said: O' People! Whenever you make supplications to Allah, make them while you have strong expectations of accepting them by Him.)

Avoid rushing:

One who makes Dua should not expect of accepting it quickly by the Sustainer, Allah.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : يُسْتَجَابُ لِأَحَدِكُمْ مَا لَمْ يُعَجَّلْ ،

فَيَقُولُ : قَدْ دَعَوْتُ رَبِّي فَلَمْ يَسْتَجِبْ لِي ۝ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: The supplication of any of you is being accepted by Allah, the Almighty until he rushes and begins saying: I made Dua to Allah, but it was not accepted.)

At the time of a better situation:

We usually ask Allah's help at hard times, but the Islamic teaching is to make Dua at the time of better situations too.

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَنْ سَرَّهُ أَنْ يُسْتَجِيبَ اللَّهُ لَهُ عِنْدَ

الشَّدَائِدِ وَالْكَرْبِ ، فَلْيُكْثِرِ الدُّعَاءَ فِي الرَّخَاءِ ۝ 2

(The Prophet { Peace and Blessings be upon him} said: Whoever likes to have his supplications accepted by Allah at his hard times, should make

1. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 7, Page: 501, No: 6809.

2. Tirmizi: Imam Isa, Vol: 2, Page: 568, No: 1308.

more supplications at his better situations.)

Time of Supplication:

Allah, the Exalted is our Lord, we can ask Him whatever we want, wherever we require, and whenever we are in need of His help, but some specific timings were pointed out by the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him}. In those timings, the supplications are most likely to be accepted. Among those timings, on the Night of Power, on the Night of 15th of the month of Shaban, on the 2nd Part of nights, and after daily salat (Prayers) are mentioned especially.

﴿ قِيلَ : يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ! أَيُّ الدُّعَاءِ أَسْمَعُ ، قَالَ : جَوْفُ اللَّيْلِ ،

وَدُبُرُ الصَّلَوَاتِ الْمَكْتُوبَاتِ ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} was enquired when the supplications are most likely to be accepted? He replied: On the last half of nights, and after each obligatory Prayers {Salat}).

Remembrance of Allah and Making Durood:

The best way of making supplication is to remember Allah, the Exalted first, and make Durood on the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} then one should make supplication. Of course, it is

1. Tirmizi: Imām Isa, Vol: 2, Page: 619, No: 1425.

always appreciated that Durood will be followed by Dua at the end too.

﴿ عَنْ فُضَالَةَ بْنِ عُبَيْدٍ يَقُولُ : سَمِعَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ رَجُلًا
يَدْعُو فِي صَلَوَتِهِ لَمْ يَمَجِّدِ اللَّهَ ، وَلَمْ يُصَلِّ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ ﷺ ، فَقَالَ
رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : عَجَّلْ هَذَا ثُمَّ دَعَاهُ فَقَالَ لَهُ أَوْ لِغَيْرِهِ : إِذَا صَلَّيْ
أَحَدُكُمْ فَلْيَبْدَأْ بِتَمْجِيدِ رَبِّهِ ، وَالتَّنَائِي عَلَيْهِ ثُمَّ يُصَلِّ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ
ﷺ ثُمَّ يَدْعُو بِمَا شَاءَ ﴾ 1

(Respected Fuzala s/o Ubaid {May Allah be pleased with him} narrated that the Prophet {Peace and Blessing be upon him} heard someone making supplication without praising Allah and reciting drood on the Prophet, so he said : He rushed, and called him and then said to him or anyone else: Whenever one of you makes his Prayer, should praise Allah then make drood on the Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him}, and then make supplication whatever he wants.)

Of course, our supplications are always accepted by Allah, the Exalted, but in many ways, sometime the same would be provided, sometime an alternate would be granted and sometime the reward would be stored in Paradise for the supplicant.

1. Abu Daud: Imam Sulaiman, Vol: 1, Page: 547,

﴿ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ : مَا مِنْ مُسْلِمٍ يَدْعُو بِدَعْوَةٍ لَيْسَ فِيهَا إِثْمٌ وَلَا قَطِيعَةٌ رَحِمَ إِلَّا أَعْطَاهُ اللَّهُ بِهَا إِحْدَى ثَلَاثٍ : إِمَّا يُعَجِّلُ لَهُ دَعْوَتَهُ ، وَإِمَّا أَنْ يَدَّخِرَهَا فِي الْآخِرَةِ ، وَإِمَّا أَنْ يَصْرِفَ عَنْهُ مِنَ

السُّوءِ مِثْلَهَا ﴾ 1

(The Prophet {Peace and Blessings be upon him} Said: Any Muslim who makes a supplication that does not include any sin or intention of breaking kinship, Allah accepts it in one of the three ways, either He provides him what he wants promptly, or He stores his reward in Paradise, or He save him from getting in hardship equal to his supplication.....)

Now, is the end of this book, May Allah, the Exalted is He, accept it and give us the reward of writing, reading and following these sayings in this world, as well as the Hereafter. Ameen!

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